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* SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY JANUARY 18, 1996, 1:45 P.M.
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park (Fell and Stanyan Streets)

1. ROLL CALL

2. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
   PERMIT AND RESERVATION POLICY
   Adoption of resolution regarding waiver of permit requirements for First Amendment activities on park property.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT
   At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

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San Francisco, California
January 18, 1996

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

711th REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1996 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, January 18, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:
Jack Immendorf, President
Dr. Steven J. Brattesani
Bella Farrow
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
John J. Moylan
Angelo Quaranta
Vincent J. Rovetti

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2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, presented the following report:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, Kelly Cornell, Treetopper in the Parks Division, is being recognized for his exemplary leadership, dedication to the Recreation and Park Department and arboricultural skills. Jim Cooney, Assistant Superintendent of Parks, will make the presentation.

STORM DAMAGE UPDATE A storm damage assessment update is presented for your information.

CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS The interim repairs to the building have been completed for a cost of under $15,000. A pro bono team of architects and engineers assembled by the Foundation for San Francisco's Architectural Heritage has begun defining the scope of work and facilitating the discussion of options for materials to be used for the reconstruction. The Department of Public Works has prepared a Request for Qualifications from firms interested in bidding on the design work that will be funded by the $250,000 supplemental appropriation you will consider later in this meeting. If you approve, the request will be heard by the Board of Supervisors Budget Committee on January 24 and the full Board on January 29.

Since the media coverage about the damage to the building and the two items that appeared in Herb Caen's column, over $40,000 in donations have been received by the Friends of Recreation and Parks. Other offers to help raise funds as well as other financing mechanisms are being pursued. I will continue to keep you informed as work progresses to restore what is obviously one of the best loved buildings in the Park.

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2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

STORM DAMAGE CLEAN-UP DAY IN GOLDEN GATE PARK The Department is hosting a volunteer clean-up day in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, January 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., to assist with storm clean-up. Volunteers are being asked to wear sturdy shoes and bring their own work gloves and meet at either the east end of the park (parking lot behind the County Fair Building) or the west end of the park (41st Avenue at Bercut Equitation on Chain of Lakes Drive). In the event of heavy rain, the clean-up will be canceled. The Department anticipates that a large number of volunteers will participate in the clean-up. Support is being received from corporations, other City departments and the general public.

MISSION DOLORES SOCCER FIELD On January 16, the Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors held a hearing on the status of the new soccer field at Dolores Park. The field was due to be completed last summer. However, recent inspections by Recreation and Park Department staff revealed that there are problems with the grade of the field, the irrigation system and the composition of the soil under the field. As a result of these problems, the field does not drain properly and the long-term viability of the grass is doubtful. Design of the field and management of the construction contract are the responsibility of the Department of Public Works (DPW). The Acting Director of DPW has acknowledged that there are problems with the field and has committed to work with Recreation and Park Department staff to resolve these issues. A meeting with DPW staff will be held on site on January 19, and a follow-up meeting is scheduled for next week to determine an appropriate course of action. A staff report on the status of this project will be given at the next meeting of the Parks and Planning Committee.

BUDGET The Mayor's new budget staff has informed the Recreation and Park Department that our budget submission for the 1996-97 fiscal year is due on February 12. Although no general fund allocation has been provided, the Mayor's staff has advised us to submit a budget which reflects our current level of service. Based on this directive, we are preparing a budget which provides full funding for the recreation and maintenance positions which were given partial-year funding this year. We will also be requesting replacement funding for approximately 30 urban forestry and park maintenance positions which are currently funded with one-time monies under the Open Space Program. A special meeting of the Commission will need to be called to adopt the budget prior to February 12.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING On Monday, February 12, the Board of Supervisors will hold a special Board meeting in the Richmond community at George Washington High School, 600 32nd Avenue, at 5:00 p.m. Issues specifically related to the Recreation and Park Department that may be raised are the Golden Gate Park Master Plan and the Conservatory of Flowers. Park Planner Deborah Learner and I will be attending this meeting.

CALIFORNIA PARK AND RECREATION SOCIETY AWARDS The California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) has notified the Recreation and Park Department that San Francisco has been selected as the winner of two CPRS awards: the 1995 Innovation Award for the AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park in partnership with the AIDS Memorial Grove, and the Neighborhood Facilities/Park Planning Award for the new Tenderloin Children's Playground and Recreation Center.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

CALIFORNIA PARK AND RECREATION SOCIETY AWARDS The awards will be presented at the awards and installation banquet during the 48th Annual California Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Conference being held in San Diego. All award winners are automatically eligible for the Awards of Excellence, which will be announced during the banquet on February 10.

I will be attending the Conference and accepting the awards on behalf of the Recreation and Park Department.

ZOO NEWS Genelly, the Black Rhino calf born at the Zoo on August 13, 1995, is scheduled to be sent to the San Diego Wild Animal Park on January 24 to be reared with a male who is two weeks her senior. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Avian Conservation Center have been tentatively scheduled for January 25 at 11:30 a.m. You are cordially invited to attend.

On December 24, 1995, 19 primates died in a fire at the Philadelphia Zoo. One of them was an orangutan named Rita (also known as Josephine) that was sent from the San Francisco Zoo to the Philadelphia Zoo in 1988 for breeding purposes pursuant to the recommendation of the Species Survival Plan. Her mate and their baby also perished in the fire.

Due to recent spalling (flaking) of exterior stucco at the entrance of the Mothers Building, the Zoological Society hired Rutherford & Chekene Consulting Engineers to evaluate its condition for safety purposes. The investigation concludes that the exterior stucco and frieze panels are deteriorated and pieces will continue to spall until restoration occurs. The column capitals at the entry arches will not bear the weight and require shoring. The Zoological Society has provided protection pursuant to current recommendations for maintaining entry access and has cordoned off areas requiring such while considering shoring options. The structural investigation, prompted by visible corrosion, did not uncover any problems. The corrosion was limited to the exposed flange tips, and the remainder of the steel was found to be sound with no loss of the building load-carrying capacity. Preventive maintenance was recommended to control additional erosion.

EXCELSIOR PLAYGROUND During Mayor Brown's inaugural address, he spoke of his plans to construct a new youth center in the Excelsior district. The Excelsior community has, on several occasions, expressed its concern regarding the lack of youth serving facilities in their neighborhood. Our facility, the Excelsior clubhouse, is rather small and does not have a gym, which is one of the community's main concerns. The Mayor's Office of Community Development has identified $2 million to grant toward the construction of a new facility that would include a gymnasium. The community would like to explore the possibility of building this new structure somewhere on the existing Excelsior site. This would mean that some or all of the current facility--such as the outdoor basketball court, tennis courts and softball field--would be lost. Staff will be conducting community meetings in the near future to determine the feasibility of this proposal and seek any alternative sites that may be available. We will update you regularly on the progress of this proposal.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

SF TEEN At your places you will find the January 1996 issue of SF Teen, which is written, edited, photographed and managed by a talented group of teens representing a cross section of the City who are part of a Recreation afterschool program.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the months of August, September, October and November 1995:

August

Douglas, Sara	$282.67	Banks, Mike	$1,565.27
Windham, Robert	370.18	Avakian, Cynthia P.	277.65
Fang, Jin Hong	470.80	Sobieraj, Stephan J.	2,103.62
Russo, Deborah Ann	478.00	Marshall, Glenis	284.03
Fang, Zexu	1,046.21	Vengroff, Wms & Assoc	2,760.96
McCarthy, Tom	214.68	Dominguez, Rosanne L.	612.65
Stephens, Edwin K.	91.96	Harrison, Robert	297.13
Lewis, Adele A.	70.15	Peake, Nancy L.	398.81

September

Adelman, David	$ 587.44	Norori, Luis, Jr.	$2,118.54
Reznek, Cy	2,125.00	Souders, Linda	1,323.30
Wohning, Katharina	1,595.00	Dahlberg, Lee J.	77.93
Llaverias, Raquel J.	866.98		

October

Pierce, Cheri	$ 80.00	Cohn, Gene	$1,095.72
Nomellini, Blanche	60.00	Baker, Timothy	249.55
Ricci, John	225.06	Assier, Jean-Marie	484.54
Garcia, Aquilina F.	336.35	Olasiman, Lucia	45.00
Zanoni, Marvin H.	367.10	Nagel, Harold F.	190.83
Vengroff, Wms & Assoc	266.19	Captanian, Constance	144.50
Vanover, Ruth	111.93	Hutcherson, Rosemary	50.00
Keenan, David T.	172.52	Morgan, Seth	493.51
Wiss, Dan	487.55		

November

Olszewski, Robert	$ 18.00	Walker, Ora V.	$769.67
Werner, Elayne	1,500.00	Sisters/Social Service	378.00
Parsons, Geoffrey	82.44	Planiczka, Walter B.	191.05
Skinner, Debra	185.00	Jequinto, Adolfo A.	786.60
McGillicuddy, Kerry	376.08	Korstad, Kim L.	91.08
Ferretti, Walter G.	34.78	Ross-Tate, Barbara	68.25
Catley, Constance	5.00	Polk, Kevin E.	58.39
Hough, James W.	17.11	Kwan, Jeffrey	00.00
Espinoza, Jaime	80.00	Baldocchi, Piera	51.22
Wong, Paul	25.59	Nolan, Patrick	65.93

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, January 20, 1996	Volunteer Clean-Up Day in Golden Gate Park; 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 1, 1996	Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, February 6, 1996	Parks and Planning Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, February 7, 1996	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Tuesday, February 13, 1996	Recreation Services Committee; 4:00 p.m.; (location to be announced)

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolutions were adopted:

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS — RES. NO. 9601-002

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period December 2, 1995 through January 2, 1996.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — RES. NO. 9601-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 21, 1995, as presented.

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS — RES. NO. 9601-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

Donation From:
CS Conservancy
469 Bohemian Highway
Freestone, CA 95472
One (1) male Navajo-Churro Sheep

Purchased From:
McKenzie Creek Ranch
29175 King Ridge Road
Cazadero, CA 95421
Two (2) female Navajo-Churro Sheep, valued at $300

D. GOLDEN GATE PARK SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR/FLOWER SHOW 1996 BUDGET — RES. NO. 9601-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the 1996 San Francisco County Fair and Flower Show budget.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

E. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 9601-006
POLICY ON EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves following policy on employment of persons with disabilities.

Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) took effect for employers with twenty-five or more employees on July 26, 1992. The purpose of the ADA is to eliminate workplace and employment discrimination as it affects an estimated 43 million Americans with disabilities.

It is the policy of the Recreation and Park Department that its employment practices comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act in addition to existing state and federal fair employment laws. The Recreation and Park Department shall provide qualified individuals with disabilities equal access to employment, and to the terms, conditions, and privileges of employment, with or without reasonable accommodation.

A person with a disability is an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual; an individual with a record of such an impairment, or an individual regarded as having such an impairment. A qualified individual with a disability is an individual with a disability who satisfies the requisite skill, experience, education and other job-related requirements of a position held or desired, and who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the job.

It is the policy of the Recreation and Park Department to provide reasonable accommodation to qualified individuals with disabilities so long as appropriate reasonable accommodation does not result in an undue hardship on the operations of the department and the City and County of San Francisco or threaten the health and safety of employees or the public. Reasonable accommodation is an effective modification or adjustment of a job application process, an employment practice, or work environment that enables a qualified individual with a disability to perform the essential functions of the job.

It shall be unlawful to discriminate on the basis of disability against a qualified individual with a disability in all employment practices, including, but not limited to: application, testing, hiring, assignment, evaluation, disciplinary actions, training, promotion, medical examinations, lay-off/re-employment, termination, compensation, leave and benefits.

F. GOLDEN GATE PARK RES. NO. 9601-007
KEZAR STADIUM LIGHTING
AWARD OF CONTRACT
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract in the amount of $139,120 to the lowest responsive bidder, De Lao Electric, for the remediation of Kezar Stadium lighting.

H. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM RES. NO. 9601-008
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Julia Bontempi in the amount of $9,000.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

I. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** **RES. NO. 9601-009**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Lenny Davis in the amount of $1,000.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti

Note for the Record: Item 3g was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

G. TENNIS COURTS
DISABLED ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS
AWARD OF BID

Approval of award of bid to provide disabled access improvements at various tennis court locations.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is award of contract to provide disability access to a number of tennis courts that the Department has recently resurfaced. When this item was considered at the Committee level, staff had been informed by the Human Rights Commission that the lowest bid would not be awarded the contract because of preference points (minority business status) that had been afforded to the second low bidder, Bay Hawk Inc. This bid has now been disqualified and the lowest bid of Nancy Zammuto, Inc., in the amount of $94,400 is now considered the qualifying bid for the contract. Mr. Arnold recommended approval of this award based upon this updated information.

On motion of Commissioner Moylan, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9601-110

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of bid in the amount of $94,400 to Nancy Zammuto, Inc., to provide disabled access improvements at various tennis court locations.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1996-97 BUDGET
CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of capital budget recommendations for the Recreation and Park Department, Fiscal Year 1996-97 Budget.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Department's capital budget must be submitted to the City's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) separately from its operating budget. The capital budget is reviewed by the CAO to fit within a Citywide dollar limit. The CAO determines a priority ranking of projects throughout the City and that plan is forwarded to the Mayor. Mr. Arnold enumerated the projects noting that some are maintenance of existing facilities and others are renovations to Department facilities. He did not anticipate that the Department would receive any more funding than what was allocated in Fiscal Year 1995-1996.

4. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1996-97 BUDGET
CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)

Mr. Arnold further explained that the amount requested for lead assessment is necessary because of a State of California mandate that all Recreation and Park facilities be surveyed for lead. Staff is hopeful that some funding will be set aside since it will soon be a State Law requirement.

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's question, Mr. Arnold explained the capital project for Coit Tower relates to its water system. The present water tank is located in the tower and is gravity fed to the caretaker apartment and the rest rooms. The tank leaks; therefore, staff is requesting that the tank be replaced with a pump system so that the historic murals will not be in danger of water damage.

Mr. Arnold also explained that a more detailed report on the Open Space Program's capital projects will be given to the Commission once the Citizen's Open Space Advisory Committee completes it work, early in February.

In response to Commissioner Immendorf's question on meeting disability access requirements, Mr. Arnold explained that every time a facility is designated for renovation, disabled access is made part of the project. Additionally, the Open Space Program provides limited funding to provide disabled access.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9601-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the capital budget request for the Recreation and Park Department, Fiscal Year 1996-97 Budget.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

2:45 p.m.-2:50 p.m. Commissioner McArdle-Solomon was absent from the meeting.

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES
RENOVATIONS TO INDOOR AVIARY/ASIAN ELEPHANT EXHIBITS
Approval of expenditure to renovate the Indoor Aviary for Alligators and the Asian Elephant Exhibit at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that under the terms of the lease agreement between the Zoological Society and the City, projects that cost over $50,000 must be approved by the Commission. In October of 1995 the Commission conceptually approved modifications to the indoor aviary, to the existing Asian Elephant Exhibit, and to the outdoor cat enclosure in front of the Lion House. Zoo staff has decided to delay the outdoor cat enclosure until next year.

Mr. Anderson presented drawings of the modifications which will alter some of the exhibits so that animals can be added to the Zoo's collection for the Spring and Summer of 1996 with the intent to increase revenues.

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES
RENOVATIONS TO INDOOR AVIARY/ASIAN ELEPHANT EXHIBITS

The Indoor Aviary will be modified so that the Zoo can house a white alligator from New Orleans. White alligators are rare and the Zoo has arranged to acquire one of these animals for 4 months starting in June of this year. Staff proposed that the water area of the indoor aviary be modified and deepened so the alligator has plenty of room to go down below water depth and to facilitate underwater viewing. Boardwalks will be installed in the exhibit so that the public will have better view of the alligator. Additional plant material and banners will be added to the exhibit. At this point the Zoo is seeking donors to help underwrite the cost of making the changes to this exhibit. When the white alligator is returned to New Orleans, staff hopes to place Cuban crocodiles or Dwarf Caimans from South American into the exhibit.

In response to Commissioner Brattesani's question, Mr. Anderson explained that there will be three different viewing points to the exhibit affording the visitor approximately 22' of linear viewing.

The second renovation is the Asian Elephant Exhibit. In 1990 the concrete floor was removed from the habitat so that the whole area is now dirt. The Zoo is attempting to acquire another animal (since the death of Penny, the Asian Elephant) and are looking in some areas of Southeast Asia and Vietnam. In anticipation of this acquisition the Zoo plans to renovate the front of the exhibit which does not have the proper railing and install a steel pipe and cable barrier so there is no danger of the animal falling into the moat. Most of the moat will be filled in and the area will be landscaped with plants. A hole will be cut in the wall to the adjacent exhibit to give more room to the animals. Ultimately, the Zoo wants to put together a social group of elephants so that a breeding program can be implemented to salvage this species. Several years from now, when the Zoo has the demographics of a herd it will be able to perform research on elephants for conservation purposes.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9601-012

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the renovations to the Elephant Exhibit and the Indoor Aviary Exhibit at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, , Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: McArdle-Solomon

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
MANAGEMENT FEE

Approval of the San Francisco Zoological Society Management Fee.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the agreement between the San Francisco Zoological Society and the City requires the City to pay $4 Million a year for the Zoo. This $4 Million General Fund payment is not referenced as a separate line item in Recreation and Park's budget, so if the Department is faced with reductions, it is hoped that the Zoo's budget will not be considered part of the Department's base budget. The Board of Supervisors has approved this management agreement with the Zoological Society which, in turn, raises the balance of the funds necessary to operate the Zoo totalling approximately $10 Million annually. The partnership with the Zoological Society has worked very well and he recommended approval.

Commissioner Rovetti said that the partnership with the Society has been positive and he wanted to see this type of partnership used for other programs and divisions.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9601-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the San Francisco Zoological Society Management Fee of $4 Million for Fiscal Year 1996-1997.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

7. **KEZAR PAVILION**
FEE APPROVAL/MULTIPLE DAY EVENT
BILL GRAHAM PRESENTS CONCERT

Approval of fee and multiple day event at Kezar Pavilion for Smashing Pumpkins Concert to be held on February 6 and 7, 1996.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request to hold a two day concert at Kezar Pavilion. He asked the Commission to modify the permit fee for this particular event as the Department is seeking ways to generate more revenue at Kezar Pavilion. Presently, the revenue stream from this facility is minimal because it is primarily used for San Francisco Unified School District athletic events, which are not required to pay a fee. Staff is hoping that this event, sponsored by Bill Graham Presents, will increase interest for others to use this facility. The permitee will protect the floor with covering, provide adequate security, clean the Pavilion and pay a fee of $2,000 per day. *(Note for the Record, the present permit fee is $2,000, 8 hours per day or 25% of gross ticket receipts, whichever is greater. This fee does not include additional expenses such as security, staff overtime, ticket sellers, ticket takers, etc.)*

In response to Commissioner Brattesani's question, Mr. Robinson said approving this fee structure will not bar the Department from charging a higher fee for future events.

7. **KEZAR PAVILION**
FEE APPROVAL/MULTIPLE DAY EVENT
BILL GRAHAM PRESENTS CONCERT (Continued)

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Brattesani, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9601-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a $2,000 fee per day for the multiple day event to be held at Kezar Pavilion for Smashing Pumpkins Concert (sponsored by Bill Graham Presents) to be held on February 6 and 7, 1996.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

8. **3COM PARK**
STADIUM NAMING RIGHTS AGREEMENT

Approval of Stadium Naming Rights Agreement to January 31, 2000 with the San Francisco San Francisco Forty Niners and to retain the name to 3COM Park.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Commission approved an agreement with the San Francisco Forty Niners for the 1995 football season which gave the naming rights to the Forty Niners who, in turn, renamed the stadium 3COM Park. The Forty Niners paid the City $500,000 to rename the facility. The Forty Niners are now interested in extending the agreement to January 31, 2000. The City would receive $3.5 Million during the course of the agreement with the first $1.5 Million payment to be made 3 days after the agreement is signed, a second $1 Million payment to be made in November of 1996 and the final $1 Million payment to be made in November 1997.

The City Attorney reviewed the agreement and there is an issue pertaining to possessory interest tax. Possessory interest tax is a tax levied by the Assessor on public property that is controlled by private parties. Staff does not know if possessory interest tax will be assessed on this agreement and it was not levied on the first naming agreement, although the tax could be applied retroactively. Should the Assessor levy a tax on this agreement it is not known how much it would be because there are several ways to calculate the tax. It would be reasonable to expect that the cost of the possessory interest tax over the course of the agreement could be $35,000 and perhaps as much as $80,000. Mr. Arnold based this estimate on the possessory interest tax levied on the Department's concessionaire at the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park. He further explained that several of the Department's concessionaires are appealing this tax.

At the Committee level, a letter was submitted by **Murlan Fowell, Director of Stadium Operations for the San Francisco Forty Niners**, indicating that the Forty Niners did not want to pay the possessory interest tax and if they were required to pay this tax it should be taken from the $3.5 Million fee rather than an additional payment. The Forty Niners have asked that language be inserted into the agreement which would, in effect, relieve them of any additional requirement to pay the possessory interest tax should it be levied. The City Attorney does not advise inclusion of this language and it is not consistent with what has been done with other Department concessions. Additionally, staff does not recommend inclusion of this language. The first agreement did relieve the Forty Niners from the obligation of paying the possessory interest tax.

8. 3COM PARK
STADIUM NAMING RIGHTS AGREEMENT

Mr. Arnold explained that the Board of Supervisors must approve this agreement and he felt the Board's Budget Analyst would not recommend the modified language submitted by the Forty Niners.

President Immendorf clarified the point that should the Commission approve the agreement with the modified Forty Niner language and should the Board of Supervisors reject that language, then the Commission would have to reconsider the matter. He noted that when the Commission approved the first agreement it did set the precedent by relieving the Forty Niners from the obligation to pay the possessory interest tax.

Commissioner Rovetti explained that the City solicited the naming rights to many companies and there was very little response until the Forty Niners found a sponsor. Commissioner Rovetti was grateful to Carmen Policy and the Forty Niner organization. He asked the Forty Niners to consider asking 3COM if they would be willing to pick up cost of the possessory interest tax. He was of the opinion that the Commission should relieve the Forty Niners from the possessory interest tax requirement.

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Carmen Policy, President of the San Francisco Forty Niners, explained that the Forty Niners made a deal with former Mayor Frank M. Jordan, his staff, and Recreation and Park staff, and agreed to pay a specific dollar amount for the naming rights to the stadium. The Forty Niners agreed to bear all of the costs connected with obtaining a sponsor including the fees to the advertising agencies. The City would bear any expenses associated with this agreement including the possessory interest tax or any other similar tax or expenditures that may ultimately be imposed. He felt it was important that the agreement be approved as it was originally proposed, alleviating the Forty Niners from paying a possessory interest tax, and that it be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors. He assured Recreation and Park that if this particular clause was modified then other sections of the agreement would have to be changed.

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's question, Mr. Arnold explained that when this agreement was first considered there was discussion as to whether the stadium should be named 3COM Park or 3COM Stadium. Staff's recommendation was to name it 3COM Stadium at Candlestick Park thinking that there might be some public outcry about the name 3COM. Staff asked the San Francisco Forty Niners and 3COM if it was possible to name it 3COM Stadium but there has been a fair amount of money invested in signage, etc. He felt it would present a better public image if it was named 3COM Stadium at Candlestick Park. However, 3COM is adamantly opposed to this name.

8. **3COM PARK**
STADIUM NAMING RIGHTS AGREEMENT (Continued)

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's question, Mr. Arnold explained that during the most recent negotiation with the concessionaire at the Golden Gate Park Stables, they asked that the possessory interest tax provision be deleted from the agreement; staff denied that request. The new concessionaire at the Beach Chalet also made the same request and was also denied. The City Attorney advised that the possessory interest tax language should be included in these agreements. The tax is split between the City and the State of California. Some concessionaires want to be given a rent credit for this tax.

Commissioner Brattesani recalled that there were a lot of problems when the stadium was originally named Candlestick Park. He was very proud to have the Forty Niners as part of San Francisco and felt they should be supported.

Norris Large, was opposed to the name change and said the City's new Mayor has said more than once that San Francisco is a world class City. He wanted to keep it that way. He made several comparisons to historic and noteworthy sites having a corporate name such as the Roman Coliseum being called the *Olivetti* Coliseum. He said he was opposed to the name change because the public is too aware of their history and tradition. He had nothing against the 3COM Corporation. He hoped the Commission would not approve the agreement.

President Immendorf said the Commission made a deal and personally recommended that the Commission adopt the agreement with the inclusion of the language presented by the Forty Niners relating to possessory interest tax.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9601-015

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Stadium Naming Rights Agreement to January 31, 2000 with the San Francisco San Francisco Forty Niners and approves the name 3COM Park during said period and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That should the possessory interest tax be levied it shall be taken out of the $3.5 Million City fee.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

3:30 p.m.-3:40 p.m. The Commission recessed.

9. **3COM PARK**
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Approval of Supplemental Appropriation request in the amount $1.8 million for 3COM Park.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that based on the Commission's previous action approving the name change agreement, the City generated an additional $1.5 Million in the current fiscal year. Also, the football playoff game generated approximately $300,000 of unanticipated revenue. Therefore, he asked the Commissionn to request the Board of Supervisors to appropriate the $1.8 Million to a capital improvement project for the stadium.

3:41 p.m.-3:42 p.m. Commissioner Rovetti was absent from the meeting

9. 3COM PARK
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (Continued)

Much work needs to be performed at the stadium to prepare for the 1999 Super Bowl and there are only 3 years remaining with very little funding set aside for the renovations. He felt it was important that this Supplemental Appropriation request be appoved as soon as possible so that the planning for the stadium renovations could begin. This action will protect the funds so that they are set aside for a capital project for stadium improvements.

On motion of Commissioner Moylan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9601-016

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a Supplemental Appropriation request in the amount $1.8 Million for Candlestick Park (to be known as 3COM Park) to be acted upon as soon as the Stadium Naming Agreement is approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Moylan, Quaranta
Absent: Rovetti

10. GOLDEN GATE PARK
CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Ratification of Supplemental Appropriation request for funds to begin design for the reconstruction of the Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is a Supplemental Appropriation request to the Board of Supervisors seeking General Fund support to provide seed money for the re-design of the Conservatory of Flowers. The Department of Public Works does not have the expertise to design the landmark building and it will be necessary to hire an outside architect. The outside architect will cost approximately $700-800,000. Staff hopes to also raise private funds for the restoration project.

Commissioner Brattesani asked if there were any additional funding sources available since the Conservatory of Flowers is a Landmark building. Mr. Arnold explained that the Department is applying for funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

General Manager, Mary E. Burns said she had spoken to the State Historic Preservation Office but Federal funds are quite limited. There are only five or six firms in the nation that specialize in glass buildings. She also contacted the Heritage Foundation and local Department of Interior representatives. Since it is a National Landmark the Secretary of the Department of Interior will have to approve the restoration plan.

10. GOLDEN GATE PARK
CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST (Continued)

Commissioner Brattesani suggested that someone should contact a company such as *Marvin Windows* to see if there is interest to help renovate the building in turn for some recognition. Ms. Burns explained that the non-profit organization that benefits the Department, Friends of Recreation and Parks will be working to find private donors and organizations to help fund the restoration of the Conservatory.

Commissioner Moylan said the City has several recognized architects that might work with the Department of Public Works pro bono.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9601-017

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the Supplemental Appropriation request for funds to begin design for the reconstruction of the Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

11. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
STORM DAMAGE REPAIR
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Ratification of Supplemental Appropriation request in the amount of $542,800 for storm damage repair.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is a request for a Supplemental Appropriation to repair damage caused by the December 12, 1995 storm. The storm demage repair costs include items such as staff overtime and the purchase of chainsaws. Although the cost of the storm damage repair continues to grow, staff thought it important to request some supplemental funding for the storm damage. In discussions with the Board of Supervisors Budget Analyst, the Board may put a reserve on these funds until invoices can be furnished to document the actual expenditures. He recommended approval for submission of the Supplemental Appropriation request.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold explained that there are a few valuable trees that fell in the Arboretum which can be purchased. The Department will be spending months on tree removal and renovation.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon felt that the Department should aggressively address taking care of the storm damage and wondered if this money would accelerate the clean-up effort.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns said that approximately $4 Million is needed to repair the storm damage. She said the Department is struggling to find private funds to help pay for the storm damage.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

11. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
STORM DAMAGE REPAIR
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST **RES. NO. 9601-018**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the Supplemental Appropriation request in the amount of $542,800 for storm damage repair.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

12. **RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION**
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of President and Vice President for calendar year 1996, in accordance with Resolution No. 11334.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the Commission unanimously elected Jack Immendorf as President.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Brattesani, the Commission unanimously elected John J. Moylan as Vice President.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Laskin said he was a prospective benefactor of Recreation and Park and it was very important to him that parking spaces not be removed in Goldne Gate Park, particularly at 7th Avenue. He also felt the Department should use the shared work alternative program. He urged the Commission to not only read the information given to them by staff; rather, they should personally visit the sites and programs.

Emeric Kalman asked if money appropriated for the Golden Gate Park Master Plan could be used to repair the Conservatory of Flowers; noted that it took 4 years for the Department of Public Works to repair the restrooms at the Marina; discussed the lost revenue due to empty berths at the Marina, and said there were audits not referenced at the Finance and Administration Committee.

President Immendorf said that he thought that there were empty berths because some of them were considered unsafe and unsuitable for rental. .

14. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Immendorf said he thought that the two new members of the Commission are eager to work on many Department issues. Commissioner Brattesani has expressed interest in issues pertaining to the Marina. President Immendorf thanked his fellow commissioners for nominating him as President of the Recreation and Park Commission.

15. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Commissioner Brattesani suggested that the Commission's By Laws be amended so that the he and Commissioner Rovetti would be given the responsibility to attend meetings of the Arts Commission and Commissioner McArdle-Solomon be given the responsibility to attend meetings of the Fine Arts Museums rather than having the President designated as the ex officio representative to these two commissions. He wanted to explore ways for other commissioners to participate in the public process.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the designation of the President as ex-officio to the Fine Arts Museum and Arts Commission is part of the City Charter. She was sure they would welcome commission members to attend and act as liaison, however, the commissioners would not be the official representative.

President Immendorf endorsed this action. **Commission Secretary, Shauna Marie Rose,** explained that the new Charter deletes any involvement of the Recreation and Park Commission or its President with the Fine Arts Museums and Arts Commission.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon inquired to the status of the Landscape and Lighting District. **General Manager Mary E. Burns,** explained that Advocates for Recreation and Park continue to meet and are continuing their outreach. Commissioner McArdle-Solomon did not want this proposal to be forgotten.

Commissioner Quaranta distributed a memo detailing a fundraising effort he has spearheaded for the Department. He explained that he has been talking to a few influential people in an attempt to raise private funds for the Department. He said it was imperative that all of the commissioners work toward new sources of funding for Recreation and Park.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, explained if there were any benefit to the December storms it was that it raised the consciousness of the public that Recreation and Park is a very important agency and needs to be funded. The storm caught people's attention as there was a graphic example of the devastation from the rain/wind storm.

Commissioner Brattesani said he wanted to work toward finding pro bono assistance for Recreation and Park since staff is so overworked. He felt that the Commission should explore ways to find pro bono assistance.

Commissioner Moylan suggested that a blue ribbon committee be formed to address the issues facing the Department, such as the golf courses, the parks, the recreation centers, etc.

16. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of December 6, 1995
- Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of January 11, 1996

17. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Rita, the orangutan, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bill Buckley, Stadium Groundskeeper for 3COM Park, who is recovering from a compound fracture of his ankle.

There being no further business, the 711th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolutions were adopted:

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS — RES. NO. 9601-002

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period December 2, 1995 through January 2, 1996.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — RES. NO. 9601-003

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 21, 1995, as presented.

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS — RES. NO. 9601-004

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

Donation From:
CS Conservancy
469 Bohemian Highway
Freestone, CA 95472
One (1) male Navajo-Churro Sheep

Purchased From:
McKenzie Creek Ranch
29175 King Ridge Road
Cazadero, CA 95421
Two (2) female Navajo-Churro Sheep, valued at $300

D. GOLDEN GATE PARK SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR/FLOWER SHOW 1996 BUDGET — RES. NO. 9601-005

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the 1996 San Francisco County Fair and Flower Show budget.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

E. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 9601-006**
POLICY ON EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves following policy on employment of persons with disabilities.

Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) took effect for employers with twenty-five or more employees on July 26, 1992. The purpose of the ADA is to eliminate workplace and employment discrimination as it affects an estimated 43 million Americans with disabilities.

It is the policy of the Recreation and Park Department that its employment practices comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act in addition to existing state and federal fair employment laws. The Recreation and Park Department shall provide qualified individuals with disabilities equal access to employment, and to the terms, conditions, and privileges of employment, with or without reasonable accommodation.

A person with a disability is an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual; an individual with a record of such an impairment, or an individual regarded as having such an impairment. A qualified individual with a disability is an individual with a disability who satisfies the requisite skill, experience, education and other job-related requirements of a position held or desired, and who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the job.

It is the policy of the Recreation and Park Department to provide reasonable accommodation to qualified individuals with disabilities so long as appropriate reasonable accommodation does not result in an undue hardship on the operations of the department and the City and County of San Francisco or threaten the health and safety of employees or the public. Reasonable accommodation is an effective modification or adjustment of a job application process, an employment practice, or work environment that enables a qualified individual with a disability to perform the essential functions of the job.

It shall be unlawful to discriminate on the basis of disability against a qualified individual with a disability in all employment practices, including, but not limited to: application, testing, hiring, assignment, evaluation, disciplinary actions, training, promotion, medical examinations, lay-off/re-employment, termination, compensation, leave and benefits.

F. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** **RES. NO. 9601-007**
KEZAR STADIUM LIGHTING
AWARD OF CONTRACT
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract in the amount of $139,120 to the lowest responsive bidder, De Lao Electric, for the remediation of Kezar Stadium lighting.

H. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** **RES. NO. 9601-008**
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Julia Bontempi in the amount of $9,000.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

I. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** **RES. NO. 9601-009**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Lenny Davis in the amount of $1,000.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti

Note for the Record: Item 3g was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

G. TENNIS COURTS
DISABLED ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS
AWARD OF BID

Approval of award of bid to provide disabled access improvements at various tennis court locations.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is award of contract to provide disability access to a number of tennis courts that the Department has recently resurfaced. When this item was considered at the Committee level, staff had been informed by the Human Rights Commission that the lowest bid would not be awarded the contract because of preference points (minority business status) that had been afforded to the second low bidder, Bay Hawk Inc. This bid has now been disqualified and the lowest bid of Nancy Zammuto, Inc., in the amount of $94,400 is now considered the qualifying bid for the contract. Mr. Arnold recommended approval of this award based upon this updated information.

On motion of Commissioner Moylan, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9601-110

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of bid in the amount of $94,400 to Nancy Zammuto, Inc., to provide disabled access improvements at various tennis court locations.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1996-97 BUDGET
CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS
Approval of capital budget recommendations for the Recreation and Park Department, Fiscal Year 1996-97 Budget.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Department's capital budget must be submitted to the City's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) separately from its operating budget. The capital budget is reviewed by the CAO to fit within a Citywide dollar limit. The CAO determines a priority ranking of projects throughout the City and that plan is forwarded to the Mayor. Mr. Arnold enumerated the projects noting that some are maintenance of existing facilities and others are renovations to Department facilities. He did not anticipate that the Department would receive any more funding than what was allocated in Fiscal Year 1995-1996.

Mr. Arnold further explained that the amount requested for lead assessment is necessary because of a State of California mandate that all Recreation and Park facilities be surveyed for lead. Staff is hopeful that some funding will be set aside since it will soon be a State Law requirement.

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's question, Mr. Arnold explained the capital project for Coit Tower relates to its water system. The present water tank is located in the tower and is gravity fed to the caretaker apartment and the rest rooms. The tank leaks; therefore, staff is requesting that the tank be replaced with a pump system so that the historic murals will not be in danger of water damage.

Mr. Arnold also explained that a more detailed report on the Open Space Program's capital projects will be given to the Commission once the Citizen's Open Space Advisory Committee completes it work, early in February.

In response to Commissioner Immendorf's question on meeting disability access requirements, Mr. Arnold explained that every time a facility is designated for renovation, disabled access is made part of the project. Additionally, the Open Space Program provides limited funding to provide disabled access.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9601-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the capital budget request for the Recreation and Park Department, Fiscal Year 1996-97 Budget.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

2:45 p.m.-2:50 p.m. Commissioner McArdle-Solomon was absent from the meeting.

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES
RENOVATIONS TO INDOOR AVIARY/ASIAN ELEPHANT EXHIBITS

Approval of expenditure to renovate the Indoor Aviary for Alligators and the Asian Elephant Exhibit at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that under the terms of the lease agreement between the Zoological Society and the City, projects that cost over $50,000 must be approved by the Commission. In October of 1995 the Commission conceptually approved modifications to the indoor aviary, to the existing Asian Elephant Exhibit, and to the outdoor cat enclosure in front of the Lion House. Zoo staff has decided to delay the outdoor cat enclosure until next year.

Mr. Anderson presented drawings of the modifications which will alter some of the exhibits so that animals can be added to the Zoo's collection for the Spring and Summer of 1996 with the intent to increase revenues.

The Indoor Aviary will be modified so that the Zoo can house a white alligator from New Orleans. White alligators are rare and the Zoo has arranged to acquire one of these animals for 4 months starting in June of this year. Staff proposed that the water area of the indoor aviary be modified and deepened so the alligator has plenty of room to go down below water depth and to facilitate underwater viewing. Boardwalks will be installed in the exhibit so that the public will have better view of the alligator. Additional plant material and banners will be added to the exhibit. At this point the Zoo is seeking donors to help underwrite the cost of making the changes to this exhibit. When the white alligator is returned to New Orleans, staff hopes to place Cuban crocodiles or Dwarf Caimans from South American into the exhibit.

In response to Commissioner Brattesani's question, Mr. Anderson explained that there will be three different viewing points to the exhibit affording the visitor approximately 22' of linear viewing.

The second renovation is the Asian Elephant Exhibit. In 1990 the concrete floor was removed from the habitat so that the whole area is now dirt. The Zoo is attempting to acquire another animal (since the death of Penny, the Asian Elephant) and are looking in some areas of Southeast Asia and Vietnam. In anticipation of this acquisition the Zoo plans to renovate the front of the exhibit which does not have the proper railing and install a steel pipe and cable barrier so there is no danger of the animal falling into the moat. Most of the moat will be filled in and the area will be landscaped with plants. A hole will be cut in the wall to the adjacent exhibit to give more room to the animals. Ultimately, the Zoo wants to put together a social group of elephants so that a breeding program can be implemented to salvage this species. Several years from now, when the Zoo has the demographics of a herd it will be able to perform research on elephants for conservation purposes.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9601-012

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES
RENOVATIONS TO INDOOR AVIARY/ASIAN ELEPHANT EXHIBITS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the renovations to the Elephant Exhibit and the Indoor Aviary Exhibit at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, , Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: McArdle-Solomon

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**
MANAGEMENT FEE

Approval of the San Francisco Zoological Society Management Fee.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the agreement between the San Francisco Zoological Society and the City requires the City to pay $4 Million a year for the Zoo. This $4 Million General Fund payment is not referenced as a separate line item in Recreation and Park's budget, so if the Department is faced with reductions, it is hoped that the Zoo's budget will not be considered part of the Department's base budget. The Board of Supervisors has approved this management agreement with the Zoological Society which, in turn, raises the balance of the funds necessary to operate the Zoo totalling approximately $10 Million annually. The partnership with the Zoological Society has worked very well and he recommended approval.

Commissioner Rovetti said that the partnership with the Society has been positive and he wanted to see this type of partnership used for other programs and divisions.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9601-013

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the San Francisco Zoological Society Management Fee of $4 Million for Fiscal Year 1996-1997.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

7. KEZAR PAVILION
FEE APPROVAL/MULTIPLE DAY EVENT
BILL GRAHAM PRESENTS CONCERT

Approval of fee and multiple day event at Kezar Pavilion for Smashing Pumpkins Concert to be held on February 6 and 7, 1996.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request to hold a two day concert at Kezar Pavilion. He asked the Commission to modify the permit fee for this particular event as the Department is seeking ways to generate more revenue at Kezar Pavilion. Presently, the revenue stream from this facility is minimal because it is primarily used for San Francisco Unified School District athletic events, which are not required to pay a fee. Staff is hoping that this event, sponsored by Bill Graham Presents, will increase interest for others to use this facility. The permitee will protect the floor with covering, provide adequate security, clean the Pavilion and pay a fee of $2,000 per day. *(Note for the Record, the present permit fee is $2,000, 8 hours per day or 25% of gross ticket receipts, whichever is greater. This fee does not include additional expenses such as security, staff overtime, ticket sellers, ticket takers, etc.)*

In response to Commissioner Brattesani's question, Mr. Robinson said approving this fee structure will not bar the Department from charging a higher fee for future events.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Brattesani, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9601-014

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a $2,000 fee per day for the multiple day event to be held at Kezar Pavilion for Smashing Pumpkins Concert (sponsored by Bill Graham Presents) to be held on February 6 and 7, 1996.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

8. 3COM PARK
STADIUM NAMING RIGHTS AGREEMENT

Approval of Stadium Naming Rights Agreement to January 31, 2000 with the San Francisco San Francisco Forty Niners and to retain the name to 3COM Park.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Commission approved an agreement with the San Francisco Forty Niners for the 1995 football season which gave the naming rights to the Forty Niners who, in turn, renamed the stadium 3COM Park. The Forty Niners paid the City $500,000 to rename the facility. The Forty Niners are now interested in extending the agreement to January 31, 2000. The City would receive $3.5 Million during the course of the agreement with the first $1.5 Million payment to be made 3 days after the agreement is signed, a second $1 Million payment to be made in November of 1996 and the final $1 Million payment to be made in November 1997.

The City Attorney reviewed the agreement and there is an issue pertaining to possessory interest tax. Possessory interest tax is a tax levied by the Assessor on public property that is controlled by private parties. Staff does not know if possessory interest tax will be assessed on this agreement and it was not levied on the first naming agreement, although the tax could be applied retroactively. Should the Assessor levy a tax on this agreement it is not known how much it would be because there are several ways to calculate the tax. It would be reasonable to expect that the cost of the possessory interest tax over the course of the agreement could be $35,000 and perhaps as much as $80,000. Mr. Arnold based this estimate on the possessory interest tax levied on the Department's concessionaire at the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park. He further explained that several of the Department's concessionaires are appealing this tax.

At the Committee level, a letter was submitted by **Murlan Fowell, Director of Stadium Operations for the San Francisco Forty Niners,** indicating that the Forty Niners did not want to pay the possessory interest tax and if they were required to pay this tax it should be taken from the $3.5 Million fee rather than an additional payment. The Forty Niners have asked that language be inserted into the agreement which would, in effect, relieve them of any additional requirement to pay the possessory interest tax should it be levied. The City Attorney does not advise inclusion of this language and it is not consistent with what has been done with other Department concessions. Additionally, staff does not recommend inclusion of this language. The first agreement did relieve the Forty Niners from the obligation of paying the possessory interest tax.

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Commissioner Rovetti explained that the City solicited the naming rights to many companies and there was very little response until the Forty Niners found a sponsor. Commissioner Rovetti was grateful to Carmen Policy and the Forty Niner organization. He asked the Forty Niners to consider asking 3COM if they would be willing to pick up cost of the possessory interest tax. He was of the opinion that the Commission should relieve the Forty Niners from the possessory interest tax requirement.

President Immendorf said the City tried for 6 months locally and nation wide to seek proposals for the stadium naming rights. The Forty Niners were able to present a proposal that the Commission approved which gave the City $500,000. The Commission received negative response by this action so the City, again, made another concerted effort to solicit another sponsor. Only 7 responded and when staff followed-up with those organizations there was no interest.

Carmen Policy, President of the San Francisco Forty Niners, explained that the Forty Niners made a deal with former Mayor Frank M. Jordan, his staff, and Recreation and Park staff, and agreed to pay a specific dollar amount for the naming rights to the stadium. The Forty Niners agreed to bear all of the costs connected with obtaining a sponsor including the fees to the advertising agencies. The City would bear any expenses associated with this agreement including the possessory interest tax or any other similar tax or expenditures that may ultimately be imposed. He felt it was important that the agreement be approved as it was originally proposed, alleviating the Forty Niners from paying a possessory interest tax, and that it be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors. He assured Recreation and Park that if this particular clause was modified then other sections of the agreement would have to be changed.

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's question, Mr. Arnold explained that when this agreement was first considered there was discussion as to whether the stadium should be named 3COM Park or 3COM Stadium. Staff's recommendation was to name it 3COM Stadium at Candlestick Park thinking that there might be some public outcry about the name 3COM. Staff asked the San Francisco Forty Niners and 3COM if it was possible to name it 3COM Stadium but there has been a fair amount of money invested in signage, etc. He felt it would present a better public image if it was named 3COM Stadium at Candlestick Park. However, 3COM is adamantly opposed to this name.

In response to Commissioner McArdle-Solomon's question, Mr. Arnold explained that during the most recent negotiation with the concessionaire at the Golden Gate Park Stables, they asked that the possessory interest tax provision be deleted from the agreement; staff denied that request. The new concessionaire at the Beach Chalet also made the same request and was also denied. The City Attorney advised that the possessory interest tax language should be included in these agreements. The tax is split between the City and the State of California. Some concessionaires want to be given a rent credit for this tax.

8. 3COM PARK
STADIUM NAMING RIGHTS AGREEMENT (Continued)

Commissioner Brattesani recalled that there were a lot of problems when the stadium was originally named Candlestick Park. He was very proud to have the Forty Niners as part of San Francisco and felt they should be supported.

Norris Large, was opposed to the name change and said the City's new Mayor has said more than once that San Francisco is a world class City. He wanted to keep it that way. He made several comparisons to historic and noteworthy sites having a corporate name such as the Roman Coliseum being called the *Olivetti* Coliseum. He said he was opposed to the name change because the public is too aware of their history and tradition. He had nothing against the 3COM Corporation. He hoped the Commission would not approve the agreement.

President Immendorf said the Commission made a deal and personally recommended that the Commission adopt the agreement with the inclusion of the language presented by the Forty Niners relating to possessory interest tax.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9601-015

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Stadium Naming Rights Agreement to January 31, 2000 with the San Francisco San Francisco Forty Niners and approves the name 3COM Park during said period and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That should the possessory interest tax be levied it shall be taken out of the $3.5 Million City fee.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

3:30 p.m.-3:40 p.m. The Commission recessed.

9. **3COM PARK**
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
Approval of Supplemental Appropriation request in the amount $1.8 million for 3COM Park.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that based on the Commission's previous action approving the name change agreement, the City generated an additional $1.5 Million in the current fiscal year. Also, the football playoff game generated approximately $300,000 of unanticipated revenue. Therefore, he asked the Commissionn to request the Board of Supervisors to appropriate the $1.8 Million to a capital improvement project for the stadium.

3:41 p.m.-3:42 p.m. Commissioner Rovetti was absent from the meeting

Much work needs to be performed at the stadium to prepare for the 1999 Super Bowl and there are only 3 years remaining with very little funding set aside for the renovations. He felt it was important that this Supplemental Appropriation request be appoved as soon as possible so that the planning for the stadium renovations could begin. This action will protect the funds so that they are set aside for a capital project for stadium improvements.

On motion of Commissioner Moylan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9601-016

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a Supplemental Appropriation request in the amount $1.8 Million for Candlestick Park (to be known as 3COM Park) to be acted upon as soon as the Stadium Naming Agreement is approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, McArdle-Solomon, Moylan, Quaranta
Absent: Rovetti

10. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Ratification of Supplemental Appropriation request for funds to begin design for the reconstruction of the Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is a Supplemental Appropriation request to the Board of Supervisors seeking General Fund support to provide seed money for the re-design of the Conservatory of Flowers. The Department of Public Works does not have the expertise to design the landmark building and it will be necessary to hire an outside architect. The outside architect will cost approximately $700-800,000. Staff hopes to also raise private funds for the restoration project.

Commissioner Brattesani asked if there were any additional funding sources available since the Conservatory of Flowers is a Landmark building. Mr. Arnold explained that the Department is applying for funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

General Manager, Mary E. Burns said she had spoken to the State Historic Preservation Office but Federal funds are quite limited. There are only five or six firms in the nation that specialize in glass buildings. She also contacted the Heritage Foundation and local Department of Interior representatives. Since it is a National Landmark the Secretary of the Department of Interior will have to approve the restoration plan.

Commissioner Brattesani suggested that someone should contact a company such as *Marvin Windows* to see if there is interest to help renovate the building in turn for some recognition. Ms. Burns explained that the non-profit organization that benefits the Department, Friends of Recreation and Parks will be working to find private donors and organizations to help fund the restoration of the Conservatory.

Commissioner Moylan said the City has several recognized architects that might work with the Department of Public Works pro bono.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9601-017

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the Supplemental Appropriation request for funds to begin design for the reconstruction of the Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

11. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
STORM DAMAGE REPAIR
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Ratification of Supplemental Appropriation request in the amount of $542,800 for storm damage repair.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is a request for a Supplemental Appropriation to repair damage caused by the December 12, 1995 storm. The storm demage repair costs include items such as staff overtime and the purchase of chainsaws. Although the cost of the storm damage repair continues to grow, staff thought it important to request some supplemental funding for the storm damage. In discussions with the Board of Supervisors Budget Analyst, the Board may put a reserve on these funds until invoices can be furnished to document the actual expenditures. He recommended approval for submission of the Supplemental Appropriation request.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold explained that there are a few valuable trees that fell in the Arboretum which can be purchased. The Department will be spending months on tree removal and renovation.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon felt that the Department should aggressively address taking care of the storm damage and wondered if this money would accelerate the clean-up effort.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns said that approximately $4 Million is needed to repair the storm damage. She said the Department is struggling to find private funds to help pay for the storm damage.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9601-018

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the Supplemental Appropriation request in the amount of $542,800 for storm damage repair.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

12. RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of President and Vice President for calendar year 1996, in accordance with Resolution No. 11334.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the Commission unanimously elected Jack Immendorf as President.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Brattesani, the Commission unanimously elected John J. Moylan as Vice President.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Laskin said he was a prospective benefactor of Recreation and Park and it was very important to him that parking spaces not be removed in Goldne Gate Park, particularly at 7th Avenue. He also felt the Department should use the shared work alternative program. He urged the Commission to not only read the information given to them by staff; rather, they should personally visit the sites and programs.

Emeric Kalman asked if money appropriated for the Golden Gate Park Master Plan could be used to repair the Conservatory of Flowers; noted that it took 4 years for the Department of Public Works to repair the restrooms at the Marina; discussed the lost revenue due to empty berths at the Marina, and said there were audits not referenced at the Finance and Administration Committee.

President Immendorf said that he thought that there were empty berths because some of them were considered unsafe and unsuitable for rental.

14. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Immendorf said he thought that the two new members of the Commission are eager to work on many Department issues. Commissioner Brattesani has expressed interest in issues pertaining to the Marina. President Immendorf thanked his fellow commissioners for nominating him as President of the Recreation and Park Commission.

15. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Commissioner Brattesani suggested that the Commission's By Laws be amended so that the he and Commissioner Rovetti would be given the responsibility to attend meetings of the Arts Commission and Commissioner McArdle-Solomon be given the responsibility to attend meetings of the Fine Arts Museums rather than having the President designated as the ex officio representative to these two commissions. He wanted to explore ways for other commissioners to participate in the public process.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the designation of the President as ex-officio to the Fine Arts Museum and Arts Commission is part of the City Charter. She was sure they would welcome commission members to attend and act as liaison, however, the commissioners would not be the official representative.

President Immendorf endorsed this action. **Commission Secretary, Shauna Marie Rose,** explained that the new Charter deletes any involvement of the Recreation and Park Commission or its President with the Fine Arts Museums and Arts Commission.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon inquired to the status of the Landscape and Lighting District. **General Manager Mary E. Burns,** explained that Advocates for Recreation and Park continue to meet and are continuing their outreach. Commissioner McArdle-Solomon did not want this proposal to be forgotten.

Commissioner Quaranta distributed a memo detailing a fundraising effort he has spearheaded for the Department. He explained that he has been talking to a few influential people in an attempt to raise private funds for the Department. He said it was imperative that all of the commissioners work toward new sources of funding for Recreation and Park.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, explained if there were any benefit to the December storms it was that it raised the consciousness of the public that Recreation and Park is a very important agency and needs to be funded. The storm caught people's attention as there was a graphic example of the devastation from the rain/wind storm.

Commissioner Brattesani said he wanted to work toward finding pro bono assistance for Recreation and Park since staff is so overworked. He felt that the Commission should explore ways to find pro bono assistance.

Commissioner Moylan suggested that a blue ribbon committee be formed to address the issues facing the Department, such as the golf courses, the parks, the recreation centers, etc.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Rita, the orangutan, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bill Buckley, Stadium Groundskeeper for 3COM Park, who is recovering from a compound fracture of his ankle.

There being no further business, the 711th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

San Francisco, California
February 15, 1996

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

712th REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1996 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, February 15, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Jack Immendorf, President
Dr. Steven J. Brattesani
Bella Farrow
John J. Moylan, Vice President
Angelo Quaranta
Vincent J. Rovetti
Absent: Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, presented the following report:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, we are proud to recognize Margot Reed, Recreation Director at Gilman Playground. Ms. Reed was assigned to Gilman Playground with the directive to restore a failing program to respectability. I am pleased to state that Ms. Reed now has an innovative, exciting program that is the model for other areas. It was featured last week on National Public Radio. Needless to say, Ms. Reed has made a tremendous difference to the youth in the Gilman community. Considering that this is one of the most difficult facilities in the City in which to work, I cannot overstate her efforts and her dedication to the community she serves. Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation, will make the presentation.

CALIFORNIA PARK AND RECREATION SOCIETY AWARDS As I reported last month, the Recreation and Park Department was selected to receive two California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) awards. I accepted the awards at the conference in San Diego last week, and I am pleased to share them with you today. The AIDS Memorial Grove received the Special Award of Excellence for Innovation, and the Tenderloin Children's Playground and Recreation Center received an Award of Excellence for Neighborhood Facility Design. Ms. Burns read an excerpt from the comments made on the AIDS Memorial Grove Award which stated in part, *"...What has transpired within the Grove is a massive volunteer effort to restore a neglected area of Golden Gate Park. In bringing in hundreds of volunteers to clear away weeds and debris, to plant new trees, to recreate new stream beds, a spirit of rebirth and hope has emerged. This hands on effort has helped many people who were grieving over those who have died a way of transforming their feelings into an awareness of community, restoration and reconnection with the earth..."*

STORM DAMAGE UPDATE A storm damage assessment update was presented to the Commission.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

GRASSROOTS VERSUS THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO This case, which was brought to the Commission at a special meeting last month, has been decided in the City's favor. Congratulations to the Commission and Deputy City Attorney Scott Emblidge.

VOLUNTEER WORKDAY IN GOLDEN GATE PARK The volunteer workday in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, January 20, was very successful with over 500 volunteers showing up to help with storm damage clean-up. The next workday is scheduled for Saturday, February 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Once again, volunteers are asked to wear sturdy shoes and bring their own work gloves and meet in front of the Conservatory of Flowers. In the event of rain, the clean-up will be canceled. The Department compiled a list of volunteers from the January workday and sent notices to them about the workday on the 24th.

PAYMENT OF UTILITIES BY COMMERCIAL LESSEES The Water Department is preparing a resolution for the Public Utilities Commission which would require City concessions to have water meters and pay City water and sewer charges. In cases where lease agreements provide for exemptions from the requirement to pay for water, the new policy would require any lease extension or new lease agreement to eliminate the exemption. For the most part, Recreation and Park Department leases do not allow exemptions from utility payments. The Stow Lake concession in Golden Gate Park is the only exception. The management agreement with the Zoological Society provides that the Zoo Society will pay the City's rate for utilities which means that the Zoo Society pays the sewer service charge but does not pay for water. The Water Department has not yet determined how to deal with collaborative agreements under which private, non-profit agencies provide recreational programs at Recreation and Park Department facilities.

BROOKS PARK The Budget Committee of the Board of Supervisors has approved the acquisition of four unimproved residential lots on the western of Brooks Park. These lots will provide a western entrance to the park which is largely land-locked. The expansion of this park, which contains significant native plant communities and which provides panoramic vistas to the north, west and south, has been a project of the Open Space Program.

SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER SHOW We have been advised that there will not be a San Francisco Flower Show this year. The Board of San Francisco Flower Show, Inc., has decided not to produce the 1996 San Francisco County Fair Flower Show. They feel the restrictions in overall expenditures imposed by the State Division of Fairs and Expositions would not permit them to develop a realistic and viable budget proposal.

SMASHING PUMPKINS CONCERT The Smashing Pumpkin Concert was a smashing success. The event was held on February 6 and 7 at Kezar Pavilion with no incidents or damage to the facility. The Bill Graham Presents organization did a good job of protecting the floor and the building during set-up and the actual concert. The floor was covered with a plastic surface that provided adequate protection from the concert goers. The crowds were limited to 1,500 per night for a total of 3,000 for the two-day event. Everyone seemed to have a good time without getting out of control. Staff has not received any negative calls relating to noise, traffic or concert goers subsequent to the event. Most seem to have arrived by public transportation, which helped to minimize the problem of traffic congestion. Hopefully, this event will serve as the prototype for future events that will provide a substantial revenue stream from Kezar Pavilion.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS In recognition of Black History Month, several Recreation facilities are planning special events during the month of February. There will be a city-wide celebration at Hamilton Recreation Center on Saturday, February 17, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. The program will feature a play, games, musical groups, free food and special crafts activities. Also on February 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Boeddeker Park will celebrate with a day of musical entertainment, food and a variety of crafts booths for youth as well as adults. On February 23, Joseph Lee Recreation Center will feature a fashion show and a potluck dinner as their tribute to Black History Month.

SF TEEN At your places you will find the February 1996 issue of *SF Teen*, which is written, edited, photographed and managed by a talented group of teens representing a cross section of the City who are part of a Recreation afterschool program.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, February 19, 1996	Presidents Day Holiday
Tuesday, February 20, 1996	Parks and Planning Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Saturday, February 24, 1996	Ethics Commission Orientation; 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Herbst Theater, 401 Van Ness Avenue
Saturday, February 24, 1996	Volunteer Clean-Up Day in Golden Gate Par 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; meet in front of Conservatory of Flowers
Wednesday, March 6, 1996	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, March 7, 1996	Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, March 12, 1996	Recreation Services Committee; 4:00 p.m.; (location to be announced)
Friday, March 15, 1996	St. Patrick's Day Lunch; 12:00 p.m.; Stern Grove

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolutions were adopted:

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS **RES. NO. 9602-019**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period January 3, 1996 through February 2, 1996.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES **RES. NO. 9602-020**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 1996, and the Special Meeting of January 18, 1996, as presented.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

C. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9602-021**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

Donation From:
Wildlife Conservancy
Queens Wildlife Center
53-51 11th Street, New York, New York 11368
Five (5) Male Prairie Dogs
Purchased From:
Sacramento Zoo, USDA #93-C-008
3930 Land Park Drive
Sacramento, CA 95822-1123
One (1) Male Fishing Cat, valued at $1000
Purchased From:
National Aquarium in Baltimore
Pier 3, 501 E. Pratt Street
Baltimore, MD 21202
One (1) Female Saffron Finch, valued at $60
Donation To:
Exploratorium
3601 Lyon Street
San Francisco, CA 94123
Twenty (20) Cockroaches

Donation From:
Detroit Zoological Park
P. O. Box 39
Royal Oak, MI 48068-0039
Two (2) Male Ring-Tailed Lemurs
Purchased From:
Little Rock Zoological Gardens, USDA #71-C-001
#1 Jonesboro Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205-5401
One (1) Female Wart Hog, valued at $20,000
Purchased From:
Linda Marshall
P. O. Box 643
Penngrove, CA 94951
Two (2) Female Nigerian Dwarf Goats, valued at $300
Donation To:
Morningstar Ranch
1450 Sunshine Valley Road
Moss Beach, CA 94038
One (1) Male Peafowl

D. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT** **RES. NO. 9602-022**
RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gift valued at $2,000.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a) From the Miranda Lux Foundation, $2,000.00, for the S.F. Teen Newspaper Program.

E. **INDIA BASIN SHORELINE PARK** **RES. NO. 9602-023**
PARK CLOSURE
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the park closure of India Basin Shoreline Park from dusk to dawn.

F. **JOSEPH LEE RECREATION CENTER** **RES. NO. 9602-024**
APPROVAL OF MURAL DESIGN
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the design for mural to be painted at Joseph Lee Recreation Center.

G. **RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9602-25**
ASSISTED RECREATION PROGRAM
OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Assisted Recreation Division overnight Winter trip for twelve teenagers (hearing impaired) in collaboration with environmental traveling companions (ETC) to Bear Valley, California from February 17-19, 1996.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

H. **RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9602-026**
ASSISTED RECREATION PROGRAM
OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Assisted Recreation Division overnight Winter overnight ski trip for ten teenagers (visually impaired) on February 23-25, 1996.

I. **RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9602-027**
SUNSET RECREATION CENTER
OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Sunset Recreation Center's Fog Teen Program overnight outing to Camp Jose, San Mateo County, April 27-28, 1996.

J. **NEW CHINATOWN PARK** **RES. NO. 9602-028**
AWARD OF BID
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of bid to the lowest responsible bidder, LEM Construction, Inc., in the amount of $1,435,452 for the construction of the new Chinatown Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: McArdle-Solomon

Note for the Record: Item 4K was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

K. **FRANKLIN SQUARE**
SOCCER FIELD
AWARD OF BID
Approval of the award of bid to Bauman Landscape, Inc., in the amount of $394,860 (including an alternate bid item of $25,380) to renovate the existing soccer field at Franklin Square.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this project will convert a non-regulation soccer field that it is in poor condition into a regulation size soccer field with a sand base and Bermuda sod. A new irrigation and drainage system will also be installed. Funding for this project will come from the City's Open Space Program. Bauman Landscape, the proposed contractor, has experience in installing athletic fields and he recommended approval of the award of contract.

Commissioner Rovetti commented that there have been instances where City inspectors failed to notice problems in other construction contracts. He asked that the Commission receive periodic status reports during the construction process, perhaps when the project is 25% or 50% complete, so that staff and the Commission can trouble shoot possible problems.

Mr. Arnold said that staff will comply with this request on future construction contracts. Staff became keenly aware of the necessity to review contracts during the construction period in light of the recent problems associated with the construction of the soccer field at Dolores Park.

K. FRANKLIN SQUARE
SOCCER FIELD
AWARD OF BID (Continued)

Cary Jones, representing the California Youth Soccer Association, was encouraged by the statements made by Commissioner Rovetti and staff and hoped that the project would be monitored more closely than the Dolores Park soccer field contract.

On motion of Commissioner Moylan, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9602-029

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of bid to Bauman Landscape, Inc., in the amount of $394,860 (including an alternate bid item of $25,380) to renovate the existing soccer field at Franklin Square.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: McArdle-Solomon

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. TURK AND HYDE STREETS PROPERTY
EMINENT DOMAIN ACTION

Approval of acquisition of the northeast corner of Turk and Hyde Streets through eminent domain action for a children's playground.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that for a number of years the Open Space Program has been working to provide more recreational opportunities for the children in the Tenderloin. The Tenderloin is a completely transformed neighborhood, with many young families. There is little outside open space for the 4,000 children in this section of the City and there is a need for more playgrounds.

The Open Space Program along with several other child care providers in the Tenderloin have been working to find a suitable location for a children's playground and has found a site on the northeast corner of Turk and Hyde Streets. It is a vacant lot, with afternoon sun, surrounded by buildings that do not have windows facing the lot which is advantageous. Unfortunately, at some of the parks that have buildings with windows overlooking a park, items are thrown onto the play area creating a hazardous situation for the children. Staff approached the owners, Local 87 of the Service Employees International Union, who, at first expressed interest. When the City's Real Estate Department made an offer the owners responded that they wanted to sell this and another piece of property as a unit. Most recently, they have said they would like to develop senior housing on the property.

Staff has been advised by the Real Estate Department to proceed with eminent domain in order to acquire the property. The Director of Property, Anthony Delucchi, has contacted Local 87, the property owner, explaining the eminent domain process which is administered by the Board of Supervisors. In order for the Board to initiate eminent domain procedures it needs a resolution from the Recreation and Park Commission recommending eminent domain. Therefore, he recommended that the Commission adopt a resolution to this effect.

4. **TURK AND HYDE STREETS PROPERTY**
EMINENT DOMAIN ACTION (Continued)

In response to Commissioner Brattesani's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the lot has been vacant for several years.

Jacky Spencer-Davies, of the Bay Area Women's and Children's Center, spoke in support of eminent domain and for a tot lot at Turk and Hyde Streets. She has worked at the Center for seven years and described the need for more play areas for the 4,000 children of the Tenderloin. She moved to San Francisco in 1980 and thought that the lot was vacant at that time.

Eileen O'Donnell, representing the Tenderloin Childcare Center, supported acquisition of the property at Turk and Hyde Streets and explained that every day the children from the Center travel on foot four blocks to either the Civic Center tot lot or the Tenderloin Recreation Center and it is dangerous. She felt that having a tot lot at this location was ideal.

Midge Wilson, representing the Bay Area Women's and Children's Center, has worked on this project for the past 4-5 years, is a resident of the Tenderloin for the past 16 years, and a mother of a two year old daughter. She gave an overview of how this site was chosen explaining that an entire neighborhood search was done on selected locations in the Tenderloin. This site is ideal since it is large, bright and sunny without residential buildings banking it. She personally met with the Union representative on the proposed project and felt they liked the idea of the tot lot. She found a pro bono architect who prepared a preliminary design for the tot lot in consultation with the childcare centers in the area.

Kelly Cullen, a resident of the Tenderloin for 15 years, worked for many year to acquire and develop the new Tenderloin Recreation Center on Ellis Street, and supported eminent domain for this lot. He explained that while older children have an active play area, there is no play area for small children. Sites are difficult to find and he has worked with Local 87, the property owner, to acquire this site. Formerly, there was an interest to place a housing project at the site but the neighborhood was opposed to this proposal. He felt that there was such a need for a children's playground in this part of the City that it would outweigh the development of a housing project. He said that children need a place to recreate and play.

Nancy Ong, representing Bay Area Women's and Children's Center, supported the acquisition of the property. She felt that the children of the Tenderloin deserved a play area.

Karen Burch, representing one of the Head Start Centers in the Tenderloin, supported eminent domain because the site would be one block from her facility. The center operates a half-day program for tiny tots and it takes a great deal of time to walk to the Civic Center play area because of its distance from the Tenderloin. She urged the Commission to acquire the land for the children.

Sonia Laracuente, representing Local 87, said that the union was concerned about several issues: ❶it had received notification of the eminent domain proposal in an untimely manner; ❷the fair market value of the land; and ❸the outreach they are now undertaking with the Redevelopment Agency to create low income housing at this vacant lot.

4. TURK AND HYDE STREETS PROPERTY
EMINENT DOMAIN ACTION (Continued)

Brad Paul, representing the Bay Area Women's and Children's Center, was formerly director of a planning agency in the Tenderloin, and spent several years involved in the planning process for the tot lot. He explained that the Bay Area Women's and Children's Center considered the entire neighborhood and settled on the proposed location as the best site for a children's play area. He said there are dozens of sites in the Tenderloin that could be developed for senior housing and that the Redevelopment Agency will consider whether or not the proposed site is the best location for housing. He further explained that several appraisals will be done on the land so that the fair market value can be determined. He urged the Commission to approve the eminent domain process.

President Immendorf said there is an important need for a tiny tot lot in the Tenderloin and that staff has diligently looked at all of the alternatives in the neighborhood. Although eminent domain is difficult for all parties, the children of the Tenderloin community needed to be considered.

Commissioner Brattesani felt that the Commission had a moral obligation to the children of the City to ensure that a park is developed for tiny tots, particularly in the Tenderloin, because it is so densely populated.

In response to Commissioner Brattesani's question, Mr. Arnold explained that since the architectural drawings have already been completed for the tiny tot play area, it would save some money and, more importantly, a great deal of time in the planning process.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9602-030

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the acquisition of the northeast corner of Turk and Hyde Streets through eminent domain action for a children's playground.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: McArdle-Solomon

4:10 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. President Immendorf was absent from the meeting.

5. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
RATIFICATION OF SUBMISSION OF BUDGET
Ratification of 1996-1997 budget proposal for the Recreation and Park Department.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Mayor's budget instructions asked the Department to submit a budget that would fund current programs. City departments were allowed to include State, Federal or local law mandated cost increases. Recreation and Park's current budget is $69.2 Million. A portion of the current year's budget includes a $1.7 Million supplemental appropriation received in the Fall to fund a number of enhancements for recreation programs and park maintenance. In order to annualize the cost of these programs the Department will need an additional $591,625. Mr. Arnold also outlined additional mandated costs which total $1,025,657:

5. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
RATIFICATION OF SUBMISSION OF BUDGET (Continued)

Recreation and Park Department - Mandated Adjustments to Budget Fiscal Year 1996-97	
City Wide Radio Project (Mandated by City to integrate an emergency system)	$111,209
Lead Survey of all facilities (Mandated by State Law)	200,000
Hazardous Materials Removal (Administered by Dept. of Public Health)	85,000
City Purchaser Charges (e.g., fuel charges)	219,581
Controller Information Services Division (computer technology support)	66,845
Sheriff (fingerprinting for volunteers and employees)	6,078
Light, Heat and Power (provides electricity and gas)	112,863
Cost of Living Adjustments for City Contracts	224,081

Therefore, the budget request including the mandated cost increases will be $69.7 Million. Mr. Arnold then displayed charts which outlined the various funding sources for the Department as well as the projected revenues and expenditures:

Recreation and Park Department Revenues		
	FY 1995-96	FY 1996-97
Discretionary General Fund	$12.8 Million	$16.0 Million
Hotel Tax	3.8 Million	3.8 Million
Children's Fund	8.5 Million	8.6 Million
Yacht Harbor Fund	1.6 Million	1.6 Million
Open Space Fund	18.6 Million	16.0 Million
Department Revenues (Fees and Charges)	23.9 Million	23.7 Million

Mr. Arnold explained that the number of expenditure categories has been increased in the 1996-97 budget presentation. Current year programs were consolidated in the hopes that it would simplify accounting and monitoring procedures. The consolidation of programs created a problem because the Department could not accurately track its expenditures The new structure more accurately reflects the organization which he outlined.

Recreation and Park Department Expenditures Fiscal Year 1995-96			
Zoo	$4.0 Million	Golden Gate Park	$5.6 Million
Capital Projects	12.2 Million	Administration	4.8 Million
Candlestick Park	6.0 Million	City Parks	22.0 Million
Marina	1.3 Million	Recreation	13.3 Million

Recreation and Park Department Expenditures Fiscal Year 1996-97			
Zoo	$4.0 Million	Capital Projects	11.5 Million
Stadiums and Turf	6.8 Million	Marina	1.3 Million
Golden Gate Park	5.7 Million	Administration	5.9 Million
Recreation	2.3 Million	Recreation, Children's Services	8.5 Million
Recreation, Aquatics	2.8 Million	Neighborhood Parks	9.8 Million
Urban Forestry	1.6 Million	Structural Maintenance	5.8 Million
Camp Mather	0.8 Million	Golf	2.9 Million

The Mayor also asked the Department to submit a list of services that it might offer if funding were to become available. The Department developed the following list:

5. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
RATIFICATION OF SUBMISSION OF BUDGET (Continued)

Recreation and Park Department Other Services Increases Fiscal Year 1996-97			
Increase Summer Day Camps for Youth	$60,000	Athletic Fields Maintenance	$50,000
Improve Vehicle Maintenance	100,000	Data Processing/Telecommunications hardware and software	400,000
Pesticide Spray Operators (2)	100,000	Assisted Recreation Specialist	50,000
Integrated Pest Management Program	100,000	Training in therapeutic Recreation	5,000
Ball Diamond Rehabilitation Program	250,000	Public Information Office	65,000
Natural Areas Management	100,000	Maintenance Yard Equipment	600,000

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, elaborated on increasing funding for the Summer Day Camp Program for Youth and the need to provide more funds to maintain the Department's aged vehicles. Additional funds were requested for the Integrated Pest Management Program because the Department wants to hire an individual to develop a comprehensive management plan for pesticide use. The Department plans to respond to the recent critical report it received from *Greencorps/Pesticide Watch Education Fund* at the next Parks and Planning and Golf meeting.

In response to Commissioner Brattesani's query, Ms. Burns said that although the Department legally complies with its use of pesticides, Recreation and Park should be in the forefront demonstrating a safer, environmentally friendly program for the use of pesticides.

Mr. Arnold explained that more funds were requested for the Ball Diamond Rehabilitation Program. The Department funded an athletic maintenance crew when it received last year's supplemental appropriation. Staff feels that the crew has been beneficial in caring for the athletic fields but there needs to be another crew in order for the program to be successful. Staff has been working on its natural areas for the last three years using the gift it received from an anonymous donor. That gift will soon expire which will leave the Department with some very nice reclaimed areas in Twin Peaks, Glen Canyon, Mount Davidson, etc. However, there is a need to hire personnel to maintain the natural areas. The Department will be renovating athletic fields this summer with funds from the Open Space Program and it is hoped that a major renovation will be done at the Polo Field. However, once the field is renovated there is a need to fund a position to maintain the Polo Field complex. The Department data processing equipment, the Wang, is quite old, slow, and lacks the ability to perform most functions of a personal computer. This funding would provide enough money to replace the Wang with personal computers. The Department is requesting funding for a supervisory position in the Assisted Recreation Division and funds to provide training programs for the Assisted Recreation Division. The Public Information Office once was a three person office, but dismantled because of budget reductions. This item would provide funding for a Public Information Officer position which is desperately needed so the Department can inform the public what programs and services it has to offer. Additionally, there is a dire need to develop brochures and literature on or about the Department's programs. The Maintenance Yard needs additional funding to maintain heavy equipment for the Department. There is a need to replace equipment because many items are old and dilapidated.

5. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
RATIFICATION OF SUBMISSION OF BUDGET (Continued)

Mr. Arnold asked the Commission to ratify the submission of the 1996-97 base budget request of $69.7 Million, approve the new program structure for the Department, and to approve the proposed new programs subject to available funding.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9602-031

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies of 1996-1997 budget proposal for the Recreation and Park Department including:

◆The 1996-97 base budget request of $69.7 Million
◆The new program structure
◆The proposed new programs subject to available funding.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Rovetti
Absent: McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta

6. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
APPROVAL OF DECAUX TOILET LOCATION
Approval of siting a Decaux toilet on the northwest corner of Waller and Stanyan Streets at Golden Gate Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the item before the Commission is approval of placing a Decaux toilet on the northwest corner of Waller and Stanyan Streets. There has been much concern about providing adequate restroom facilities in Golden Gate Park, particularly in this area due to the numerous homeless people. People loiter, sleep and defecate in the Alvord Lake area of the park creating an unhealthy environment for the employees. Adequate restroom facilities are critical and while the placement of this restroom will assist the Department it is not meant to preclude other opportunities for similar toilet facilities elsewhere in the surrounding neighborhood. Staff feels a toilet at this location is appropriate for the community and the gardening staff. The sign panels on the Decaux toilet structure will be limited to a City map, as advertising kiosks are not be permitted on park property. A public hearing was held by the Department of Public Works to discuss this issue. She recommended that the DeCaux restroom be placed at the corner of Waller and Stanyan Streets.

Lorri Puente, a representative of the Committee for Comprehensive Toilet Program in the Haight Ashbury Corridor, said there are only 20 Decaux restrooms allocated for the entire City which is inadequate. She submitted a petition with over 1800 signatures asking that the City provide 3 clean operational public bathrooms in the central Haight Corridor. She said there is a need for clean, operational restroom facilities and asked the Commission to work toward this goal. Although she was not opposed to the placement of the Decaux toilet at Waller and Stanyan she wanted the existing restroom at the entrance of the park to be opened. She also felt there was a need for a restroom at Buena Vista Park.

6. GOLDEN GATE PARK
APPROVAL OF DECAUX TOILET LOCATION (Continued)

Linda Crist, a member of the Committee for Comprehensive Toilet Program in the Haight Ashbury Corridor, read excerpts from letters submitted along with the petitions asking that the City provide 3 clean operational public bathrooms in the central Haight Corridor. Ms. Crist read letters of support of this proposal from the Urban School located at Page Street between Masonic and Ashbury as well as St. Agnes Church, located on Masonic Street.

Joe Konopica, a member of the Committee for Comprehensive Toilet Program in the Haight Ashbury Corridor, explained that the petition did ask for a comprehensive view to deal with this severe problem. In 2-1/2 weeks he obtained 1800 signatures calling for three restrooms in the Haight. He supported the DeCaux toilet but explained that the restroom in the Panhandle is not always open and is often very dirty. He asked for assistance from Recreation and Park so that an adequate number of restrooms are provided for the Haight Ashbury community.

Mary Helen Briscoe, representing Panhandle Residents Organization, a neighborhood group from Masonic and Fulton to Stanyan and Fell, explained that the restroom in the Panhandle is adjacent to a playground and essential since it is the only toilet for park users and the homeless. The Haight is extremely crowded and the neighborhood needs more than one toilet. She wondered why the restroom at Stanyan and Page could not be re-opened and the DeCaux restroom placed at Buena Vista Park, thereby providing the neighborhood with adequate facilities. She said the neighborhood needed at least three restrooms.

Ms. Learner explained that the Golden Gate Park bond (Proposition "A" passed by the electorate on 1992) will provide restrooms throughout the park and that designs have been prepared. It was her hope that some of the restrooms, including the one at Stanyan and Page might be completed before January 1997. She further explained that the restroom at Stanyan and Page was re-opened and immediately vandalized.

Jacob Szeto, the project manager for the DeCaux Toilets for the Department of Public Works, explained that 18 restrooms have been installed and 15 of them are operational. The restrooms have been heavily used. He noted that the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, along with other organizations, support the placement of a public restroom at Waller and Stanyan. He urged the Commission to approve this location.

Karen Crommie, said there is a need for three restrooms in the Haight community. She lives in a house in close proximity to Haight Street and must clean in front of her house daily because it is used as an urinal. She felt it was poor planning to place a restroom at Stanyan and Waller when there was a restroom at Stanyan and Page. She questioned the comment made that the Department could not maintain its public restroom and said the Haight desperately needs three restrooms.

In response to Commissioner Brattesani's question, **General Manager, Mary E. Burns,** explained that it was her understanding that the issue raised by MUNI Railway relating to its operators will be resolved separately.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Moylan, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

6. GOLDEN GATE PARK
APPROVAL OF DECAUX TOILET LOCATION (Continued) **RES. NO. 9602-032**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the siting of a Decaux toilet on the northwest corner of Waller and Stanyan Streets at Golden Gate Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: McArdle-Solomon

3:25 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Quaranta was absent from the meeting.

7. STATES STREET PLAYGROUND/CORONA HEIGHTS
COMMUNITY GARDEN LAND USE AND PLAN FOR PLAYGROUND
Approval of community garden land use and layout plan for States Street Playground at Corona Heights.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item is a proposal to place a community garden at the States Street Playground on the paved area south of the existing tennis courts. Staff will work with the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) to develop the site. The community is enthusiastic about this proposed garden area and she recommended approval.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Brattesani, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9602-033

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the community garden land use and layout plan for States Street Playground at Corona Heights.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: McArdle-Solomon

8. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
ASSISTED RECREATION LONG RANGE PLAN
Approval of Assisted Recreation Long Range Plan for the Recreation and Park Department.

Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.

9. KOSHLAND PARK
CONCEPTUAL RENOVATION PLAN
Approval of conceptual renovation plan at Koshland Park.

Park Planner, Marvin Yee, explained that Koshland Park is located in the Hayes Valley at Buchanan and Hayes. The community has requested that Koshland Park be renovated because of safety issues and the lack of recreational opportunities. A series of community meetings were held and a renovation plan was developed which will divide the park into two zones: the eastern portion will be a passive area with a development of a hillside garden; the western portion of the park will offer active recreation complete with a half-court basketball court, a pre-school children's play area and a school-age children's play area. A portion of the park will be lowered slightly to offer better visibility from the street.

9. **KOSHLAND PARK**
CONCEPTUAL RENOVATION PLAN (Continued)

The estimated cost of the renovation is $750,000 and $25,000 has been allocated for the design of the park. The balance of the funds will be banked from the Open Space Program. He recommended approval of the renovation plan.

Richard Johnson, a neighbor of Koshland Park, supported the renovation plan. The park is currently used as a toilet, for drug trafficking and prostitution. The re-design of the park was carefully planned so that the children of the community could once again use it. The present play area is hidden and parents cannot monitor children playing in the park.

Barbara Wenger, representing Hayes Valley Parks Group, has been a resident for many years and watched the park deteriorate. After the 1989 earthquake, drug dealing and prostitution moved to this park. The community has become quite active in the past two years through the efforts of the Neighborhood in Transitions Program and has mobilized to take back the park. The new park design will make activity areas visible from the street. A housing development of 100 single family units will begin shortly which will bring more children into the area and schools and half-way homes will be able to use the park. She was very much in favor of the renovation plan.

Patricia Walkup, representing the Hayes Valley Community Policing Project, supported the renovation plan for Koshland Park, and explained that there is an active community policing program which works with the Police Department to reduce crime in the park. A year ago the park was a drug trafficking zone and prostitution area and nobody would use the park. The community now reports the illegal activities that take place in the park. Crime in the community has been greatly reduced by this collaboration with the Police Department. She felt the design was good because it removes the hidden areas of the park.

Commissioner Farrow was impressed with the community spirit shown for this park and wholeheartedly endorsed the renovation plan.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9602-034

RESOLVED, That this Commission conceptually approves the renovation plan at Koshland Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: McArdle-Solomon

10. **MARGARET HAYWARD PLAYGROUND**
PLAYGROUND REDESIGN
Approval of playground redesign at Margaret Hayward Playground.

Park Planner, Marvin Yee, explained that Margaret Hayward Playground is located in the Western Addition, at the corner of Golden Gate Avenue and Laguna Streets, and is the site of the City's new 911 Emergency Center. The community has requested a re-design of the existing play area. The existing play structure is deteriorated, made of wood and does not meet the recreational needs of younger children. The plan will provide a play area for younger children in the north and a play area for older kids to the south. The play area will be handicap accessible and meet safety guidelines.

10. MARGARET HAYWARD PLAYGROUND
PLAYGROUND REDESIGN (Continued)

The cost of the project is $340,000 with a portion of the funds coming from the Mayor's Office of Community Development. The balance of the needed funds for the construction of the playground have yet to be determined. He recommended approval of the plan.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Moylan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9602-035

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the playground redesign at Margaret Hayward Playground.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesanl, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: McArdle-Solomon

11. GOLDEN GATE PARK
BEACH CHALET
IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Approval of the Beach Chalet Microbrewery second floor interior improvement plans, Golden Gate Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item is a request to approve the interior improvement plans for the Microbrewery to be placed on the second floor of the Beach Chalet. Ms. Learner outlined the improvement plan which will feature:

- Brewing vats and a bar area to be located at the northeast corner
- Kitchen to be placed on the southeast corner
- Main dining area will occupy the entire western portion of the second floor, offering diners a magnificent view of the ocean
- The Visitor Center will be placed on the first floor and operated by the Friends of Recreation and Parks

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Brattesani, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9602-036

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Beach Chalet Microbrewery second floor interior improvement plans, Golden Gate Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: McArdle-Solomon

12. LAKE MERCED BOATHOUSE RESTAURANT
FIVE YEAR OPTION

Consideration to grant the five year option for Lake Merced Boathouse Restaurant to Joe Fernando (Desert Lake Development Inc.).

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the lease for the restaurant at Lake Merced contains a five year option which the Commission cannot unreasonably withhold. The concessionaire, Joe Fernando, has requested to exercise the five year option and has a good record with Recreation and Park, paying rent in a timely fashion. Mr. Fernando has agreed to additional terms and conditions if the five year option is granted which include:

◆Increase in the minimum monthly rent to $7,000 or 8% of the monthly gross revenue
◆Should the business be sold or assigned, Mr. Fernando will personally guarantee the terms and conditions of the assigned lease.

Mr. Arnold recommended approval of the five year option.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9602-037

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants the five year option for Lake Merced Boathouse Restaurant to Joe Fernando (Desert Lake Development Inc.) which will extend the lease term from 5/31/97 to 5/31/2002.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: McArdle-Solomon

13. LAKE MERCED BOATHOUSE RESTAURANT
RENT CREDIT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Consideration to grant Lake Merced Boathouse Restaurant rent credit of $30,000 or actual cost, whichever is less, for repairs to the Lake Merced Boathouse deck on Harding Road.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Lake Merced Boathouse restaurant has a deck that hangs over a boat storage area. The concrete underneath the deck is falling and cracking and presents a hazardous condition. A $50,000 estimate was received from the Department of Public Works to repair the deck area. The Boathouse lease contains a rent credit provision and Mr. Fernando has agreed to perform the same work at a cost not to exceed $30,000. There was some question raised as to whether the full amount of the work should be done since the Department's Maintenance Division did perform some corrective work. However, the work done was only temporary in nature. There was also a question whether this was considered a maintenance activity or an improvement under the terms of the lease because the concessionaire is obligated to maintain the facility. However, since the concrete is pulling away from the rebar of the deck, the problem is structural in nature and therefore the obligation of the Department.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Brattesani, the following resolution was adopted:

13. LAKE MERCED BOATHOUSE RESTAURANT
RENT CREDIT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Continued) **RES. NO. 9602-038**

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants the Lake Merced Boathouse Restaurant rent credit of $30,000 or actual cost, whichever is less, for repairs to the Lake Merced Boathouse deck on Harding Road.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: McArdle-Solomon

14. CANDLESTICK PARK
ACCESSIBLE SEATING
Approval of plans to provide additional seating at Candlestick Park to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that there is a small window of time (from the end of football season to the beginning of baseball season) when major construction projects can be performed at the stadium. The Department is in the process of negotiating with the Department of Justice and the Disability Rights Education Foundation on accessibility issues at the stadium. This plan will provide more accessible seating in the lower stands at the cross aisle, midway in the lower stands and at the back of the lower end section, creating platforms so wheelchairs will have ready access to the main concourse. The estimated cost is $720,000. There are funds in the capital improvement budget to support this project. He recommended approval.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9602-039

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following plans to provide additional seating at Candlestick Park to comply with the Americans Disabilities Act (ADA):

Cross Aisle: Add 60 wheelchair and 60 companion seats in Sections 5 through 23
Lower Deck Platform: Renovate platforms in Sections 1 and 30 to provide 16 wheelchair and 16 companion seats per section.
Upper Deck: Add 4 wheelchair and 4 companion seats to Section 5
Removable Armrest: Modify 100 seats by adding removal armrests

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: McArdle-Solomon

15. CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
DESIGNATION OF ACCOUNT FOR TRANSFER OF ASSETS
Approval of designation of the Conservatory of Flowers account managed by the Friends of Recreation and Parks for the transfer of all money remaining from concession revenue or held in trust by the Conservatory Foundation for the use and benefit of the Conservatory of Flowers pursuant to Section 8 of the expired lease between the Recreation and Park Department and the Conservatory Foundation.

15. CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
DESIGNATION OF ACCOUNT FOR TRANSFER OF ASSETS (Continued)

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that by agreement with Recreation and Park, the Conservatory Foundation operated the Gift Shop, was responsible for weddings and after hour events at the Conservatory of Flowers, and raised funds for the Conservatory. The lease expired on July 31, 1995, and the agreement states that the balance of any remaining funds shall revert to a Recreation and Park. The Friends of Recreation and Parks have agreed to be the agent to receive the balance of funds for the Conservatory of Flowers. There was an outstanding issue relating to a City audit that has now been resolved. Therefore he asked approval of this action.

Lynda Ray, representing the Conservatory Foundation, explained that the Foundation agrees in concept that the remaining funds should be turned over. Originally the Foundation proposed constructing a greenhouse but the priorities for the building changed dramatically since the December 1995 storm. They support the recommendation that the money be used to help with Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) to restore the Conservatory. She said as soon as the Conservatory Foundation receives the finalized audit they would proceed to transfer the remaining funds as previously outlined.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9602-040

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the designation of the Conservatory of Flowers account managed by the Friends of Recreation and Parks for the transfer of all monies remaining from concession revenues or held in trust by the Conservatory Foundation for the use and benefit of the Conservatory of Flowers pursuant to Section 8 of the expired lease between the Recreation and Park Department and the Conservatory Foundation.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Rovetti
Absent: McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta

16. GOLDEN GATE PARK
DeLAVEAGA DELL/AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE
AWARD OF CONTRACT
Approval of award of contract to Quarry House in the amount of $92,000, for the construction of the meadow overlook to the AIDS Memorial Grove at the DeLaveaga Dell, Golden Gate Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item is approval of an award of contract for the construction of the meadow overlook at the AIDS Memorial Grove at the DeLaveaga Dell in Golden Gate Park The project will create an overlook area off Middle Drive that will be accessible to the disabled and allow those who are in wheelchairs to view the AIDS Memorial Grove from above. She recommended approval of the project.

Kerry Enright, representing the AIDS Memorial Grove, explained that funding for this particular project was made by the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund. She further explained that Tom Brokaw of NBC National News recently filmed the AIDS Memorial Grove and will feature it soon. She was pleased to announce that the Grove received its first corporate gift from the Gap Foundation in the amount of $75,000.

16. GOLDEN GATE PARK
DeLAVEAGA DELL/AIDS MEMORIAL GROVE
AWARD OF CONTRACT (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9602-041

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Quarry House in the amount of $92,000, for the construction of the meadow overlook to the AIDS Memorial Grove at the DeLaveaga Dell, Golden Gate Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: McArdle-Solomon

17. 3COM PARK
STADIUM NAMING RIGHTS AGREEMENT
Reconsideration of Stadium Naming Rights Agreement to January 31, 2000 with the San Francisco 49ers and approval to change the name to 3COM Park.

President Jack Immendorf explained that the Government Efficiency and Labor Committee of the Board of Supervisors reviewed the Stadium Naming Rights Agreement approved by the Recreation and Park Commission in January and have asked the Commission to reconsider some of its terms. The Forty Niners have discussed the agreement with Supervisor Kevin Shelley and some revisions were proposed.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, outlined the proposed changes which have been agreed to by the Forty Niners. He hoped that the Board of Supervisors will also be agreeable to these changes.

Approval Rights to the New Name. The original agreement gave the Recreation and Park Commission final approval of the name change. The Board of Supervisors' Budget Analyst recommended that the Board of Supervisors also be given the right to approve any name change. The Forty Niners have agreed to this recommendation.

Fee and Possessory Interest Tax. The agreement provided that any Possessory Interest Tax levied would be paid from the $3.5 Million fee and that there was no additional obligation from the Forty Niners for payment. The Forty Niners have now agreed to pay an additional $400,000 so that the $3.5 Million fee would increase to $3.9 Million. In addition, the Forty Niners have agreed to pay Possessory Interest Tax in addition to the $3.9 Million of up to $39,000 per year of the agreement. The $39,000 fee is based on the assumption that this amount will be the approximate value of the tax. The value of the Possessory Interest Tax is calculated by the Assessor's Office and it is unknown what the actual amount will be.

Term of the Agreement. The term of the agreement is through January 31, 2000. Recreation and Park and the Forty Niners had agreed to this term because there had been discussion of a new stadium and staff did not want to have an agreement that extended beyond the occupancy of the tenant. The Forty Niners have raised the question of what would happen to the naming rights if a new stadium were not completed by the end of the term of the agreement.

17. 3COM PARK
STADIUM NAMING RIGHTS AGREEMENT (Continued)

Therefore, the Forty Niners have asked for two one-year options beyond this agreement so that if the old stadium is still in place and the new stadium has not been constructed the naming rights would continue at their option for one or two more years. During that time they would pay $900,000 per year to the City plus Possessory Interest Tax up to $39,000 per year.

Third Party Agreement between the Forty Niners and 3COM. The President of the Forty Niners, Carmen Policy, explained to the Government Efficiency and Labor Committee that the language pertaining to a third party agreement between 3COM and the Forty Niners was misunderstood. Mr. Policy said the Forty Niners intended to provide the City with a copy of the advertising agreement between the Forty Niners and Sony under which 3COM has purchased advertising inside the stadium. That is not what appears in the agreement previously approved. This is not contained in the first Agreement. Mr. Arnold has now included language to this effect.

Mr. Arnold enumerated the specific language that would be inserted into the agreement. **Article II Signage** will clarify that the Board of Supervisors will also have the authority to approve the name change at the stadium and will also specify the current name of the stadium as *3COM Park at Candlestick Point*. This section will also approve the existing logo and signage at the stadium that was designed for the 1995 football season.

Article IV Term: The Forty Niners will have two one-year options. If they exercise these options they must notify the City six months prior to termination which will be July 31 of the termination year of the agreement. The language also states that payment shall be received prior to the football season.

Article V Payment The first payment of $1.5 Million will be due three days after the agreement is approved, the second payment of $1 Million is due November 1, 1996 and the third payment of $1.4 Million will be due November 1, 1997. This section also contains the new language relating to the Possessory Interest Tax under which the Forty Niners agree to indemnify the City for up to $39,000 in the event such a tax is levied.

Article VI Sign Panels. There is a change in the language previously approved by the Commission. The Forty Niners will provide to the City a copy of their agreement with Sony which allows for paid advertising for 3COM in the stadium. The 3COM advertising that is adjacent to the scoreboard is paid advertising rather than being part of the stadium naming rights agreement.

President Immendorf clarified the point that the amendments and changes to the agreement will provide the City with additional revenue.

Commissioner Brattesani said the Forty Niners have negotiated in good faith and understood the Mayor's vision of having a cohesive City government.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

17. 3COM PARK
STADIUM NAMING RIGHTS AGREEMENT (Continued) **RES. NO. 9602-042**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following amendments to the Stadium Naming Rights Agreement to January 31, 2000 with the San Francisco 49ers:

◆ Article II Signage - clarification that the Board of Supervisors will also have authority to approve the name change at the stadium;
◆ Article IV Term - The Forty Niners will have two one-year options;
◆ Article V Payment - The fee will increase from $3.5 Million to $3.9 Million. The Forty Niners have agreed to pay up to $39,000 should a Possessory Interest Tax be levied; and
◆ Article VI Sign Panels - The Forty Niners will furnish their agreement with Sony under which 3COM has purchased advertising inside the stadium

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: McArdle-Solomon

3:55 p.m. to 4:05 p.m. The Commission recessed the meeting.
Commissioner Quaranta left the meeting.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Al Cavey, a member of the Harbor Tenants Association, discussed the need to increase and revamp the security system at the Marina Yacht Harbor. He explained that there has been a rash of break-ins at the Marina recently and there was a desperate need to replace the locks at the Marina. While the security staff is very diligent, the locks have not been replaced since the harbor was rehabilitated in 1966 and the same key unlocks every gate at the Marina Yacht Harbor. He urged that the Department and Commission develop a new security system for the Harbor as soon as possible Mr. Cavey explained that **Superintendent of Parks, Ron de Leon** has promised to address this problem.

In response to Commissioner Brattesani's statement, Mr. de Leon said that although a locking system with a combination is ideal, in the short-term the Department plans to change the locks.

Mr. Cavey suggested that the Department might consider a deposit for the key.

Tony Stratta, presented the brochure for the recent 17th Annual Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame dinner held on February 14, 1996. He said many noteworthy athletic heroes were honored and discussed the need to commemorate Lefty O'Doul who has the Third Street bridge named in his memory. He urged the Commission to help honor Lefty O'Doul by naming the field at Bayview Playground in Lefty O'Doul's name.

19. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Note for the Record: President Immendorf did not submit a report.

20. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Commissioner Moylan explained that he recently took a tour of the Department's golf courses with the Golf Director, Bob Killian, and said they were in surprisingly good condition. He commended staff for their efforts to clean-up the golf courses in preparation of the City Tournament which will begin on February 21, 1996.

21. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of January 3, 1996
- Parks and Planning and Golf Committee Meeting of January 30, 1996
- Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of February 2, 1996
- Recreation Services Committee Meeting of February 13, 1996

22. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Bernard Barron, Sr., father of retired Superintendent of Parks, Barney Barron, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Moises de Leon, father of Superintendent of Parks, Ron de Leon, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes to Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon, on the birth of her baby girl, Clare.

There being no further business, the 712th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

San Francisco, California
March 7, 1996

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1996 - 2:30 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 7, 1996 at 2:30 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:	Jack Immendorf, President
	Dr. Steven J. Brattesani
	John J. Moylan, Vice President
	Angelo Quaranta
	Vincent J. Rovetti
Absent:	Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
	Bella Farrow

2. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
TICKET PRICE INCREASE
Consideration of the Giants' request to increase admission ticket prices effective April 12, 1996.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the San Francisco Giants have requested ticket price increases which range from $1.00 for the higher price tickets to $.50 in the Family Pavilion area. Alcohol is not allowed in the Family Pavilion area and is located at the right field section of the stadium. No increase was requested for the bleachers and upper reserved sections in the outfield areas. The Giants have asked for the price increase to be effective Opening Day, April 12, 1996.. All tickets sold prior to Opening Day will be at the current price but on and after Opening Day tickets will be sold at the higher price. The Giants provided a list of the prices of comparable tickets sold by other baseball teams. The document shows that the requested ticket prices are in the range of what the other teams charge. He felt the proposed increase was consistent with what other teams charged. Mr. Arnold further explained that the current prices that were shown did not include the $.75 San Francisco admission tax (including the sports tax).

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, **Vice President for Governmental and Legal Affairs for the San Francisco Giants, Jack Bair,** said the Giants advertised ticket price includes the $.75 admission tax (including the sports tax).

Mr. Immendorf clarified the point that the City's agreement with the Giants clearly states that approval by the Commission cannot be unreasonably withheld.

Mr. Arnold said the standard of reasonableness is analyzed by comparing ticket prices charged by other baseball teams. The Giants submitted a price list for Bay Area sports teams and for baseball teams in both the American and National League.

2. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
TICKET PRICE INCREASE (Continued)

Commissioner Brattesani was concerned about the timing of the ticket price increase.

Mr. Bair explained that there will not be another price change requested until next year. Some baseball franchises have offered people the opportunity to purchase tickets at the lower cost prior to Opening Day as a financial incentive. He further explained that the sport tax was not added to the ticket price for some of the seats sold last year and the Giants absorbed that additional cost. This year, the admission tax and sport tax will be added to all of the tickets sold.

Mr. Arnold explained that in the past, the Giants had sought and received an exemption from the Board of Supervisors to pay the $.50 per ticket Stadium Operator Admission Tax. Last year, they chose not to seek that exemption.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9603-043

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Giants' request to increase admission ticket prices effective April 12, 1996, as follows:

Seating Category	Current Price❶	Approved Price❷
Lower Box MVP	$19.25	$21.00
Lower Box	14.75	16.00
Lower Reserved	11.75	13.50
Upper Box (Infield)	14.75	16.00
Upper Box (Outfield)	11.75	13.00
Upper Reserved (Infield)	6.75	8.50
Upper Reserved (Outfield)	6.75	7.50
Pavilion	5.75	7.00
Bleachers	4.75	5.50

❶$.75 Stadium Admission Tax not included in ticket price
❷Includes $.75 Stadium Admission Tax in ticket price

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, McArdle-Solomon

3. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
PARKING FEE INCREASE
Consideration of the Giants' request to increase automobile parking rates at Candlestick Park from $7.00 to $8.00, effective April 12, 1996.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Giants are requesting a $1.00 increase per automobile for the baseball season. The Giants submitted a list of comparable rates charged at other parking lots which shows that generally rates charged by other teams are lower than the proposed rate. However, one must consider the fact that the stadium's parking lot cannot accommodate a sellout crowd. This issue must be considered since the stadium parking lot only has 8,000 spaces and 16,000 to 18,000 spaces are needed for a sellout game.

3. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
PARKING FEE INCREASE

Mr. Arnold further explained that the fee increase will place the Giants on the high end of fees charged by other teams but since the stadium does not have sufficient parking capacity, the proposed rate did not seem unusual. He recommended approval even though the parking rate is high compared to rates charged by other professional baseball teams.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the outer lots surrounding the stadium normally raise their parking fees to the rate charged by the stadium parking lot.

President Immendorf said the outer lots will undoubtedly charge the higher rate but will not improve their condition. He said it was unfortunate that requests to improve the outer lots have gone unanswered.

Commissioner Rovetti explained that, in the past, he has asked that two emergency road vehicles be available in the outer lots to offer assistance to vehicles in need of road service.

In response to Commissioner Brattesani's question, **Vice President for Governmental and Legal Affairs for the San Francisco Giants, Jack Bair,** explained that parking can be purchased at the lower rate of $7.00 in advance of Opening Day.

On motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9603-043

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Giants' request to increase automobile parking rates at Candlestick Park from $7.00 to $8.00, effective April 12, 1996.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, McArdle-Solomon

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Note for the Record: No public comment was received.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

713th REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1996 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 21, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Jack Immendorf, President
John J. Moylan, Vice President (noted present at 2:05 p.m.)
Dr. Steven J. Brattesani
Bella Farrow
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon (noted present at 2:15 p.m.)
Angelo Quaranta
Vincent J. Rovetti

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, presented the following report:

"*EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION* Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, Edwards Lew, Senior Accountant, is being recognized for his valuable contribution to the maintenance of financial records and especially for his assistance in converting the Recreation and Park Department to the City's new financial system. Phil Arnold, Assistant General Manager, will make the presentation.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY City Attorney Louise Renne is reorganizing some of the teams in her office. Scott Emblidge is going to be heading the team assigned to MUNI. Miriam Morley, who is with us today, has been assigned as the Deputy City Attorney to work with the Recreation and Park Department. Please join me in welcoming her and thanking Scott for his excellent service over the years.

BEACH CHALET An article entitled "Bay Transit Money Goes for Frills," which appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle on Monday, March 18, is misleading with regard to the Beach Chalet renovation project. The article infers that this Department is squandering federal transportation money to install a brewpub in Golden Gate Park. The Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act of 1991 (ISE-TEA) grant of $724,000--awarded to this Department in May 1993--was for the renovation of the Beach Chalet building as a visitor and tourist information center for Golden Gate Park. This Department published a request for proposals to solicit bids for the lease of commercial space on the second floor on February 7, 1994, nine months after the award of the grant. It was not until June 1994 that this Department was first aware of the brewpub proposal. The 20-year lease with the Beach Chalet Brewing Company stipulates all construction and implementation costs for the restaurant and brewing operation will be paid by the concessionaire.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

SOCCER FIELD TOUR WITH SOCCER LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES A tour of Recreation and Park Department soccer fields occurred on March 9, from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. Andy Solow and Juan Gonzalez, Mission Youth Soccer League, as well as representatives from Supervisor Leal's office, California Youth Soccer, San Francisco Vikings Soccer Club, Police Athletic League, Unified School District, other adult soccer leagues, Commissioner Rovetti and Department staff attended. Visits were made to the Polo Field and Beach Chalet in Golden Gate Park as well as Balboa, Crocker Amazon and Louis Sutter fields.

The purpose of the tour was to look at heavily used fields. The community representatives believe the conditions are due to a lack of maintenance on the part of the Recreation and Park Department. A number of suggestions were made to improve the quality of the fields. The hiring of the new field maintenance crew funded through the budget supplemental will be of some assistance. Action steps proposed by Department staff include the following: 1) Inventory possible practice fields and add to list for Field Reservation staff; 2) Consider use of non-grass playing areas and other locations; (3) Hold annual meeting on field reservations with all groups for fair allocation of use; (4) More use of school facilities by school teams to ease use of Department fields.

MISSION DOLORES MULTIPURPOSE FIELD For the past several weeks, Recreation and Park Department and Department of Public Works staff have been meeting with soccer league representatives and Supervisor Leal's office staff to discuss the best approach for correcting the grade, soil conditions and turf at Mission Dolores Multipurpose Field. Consensus was reached on the preparation of the site (rototilling, leveling and rolling of soil) and the use of Bermuda sod. It was agreed that Bermuda sod offers the best advantages of durability and vigorous, self-mending growth. We are proceeding with a contract to correct the problems.

WORKFARE PROGRAM Since March 11, the Department, through the auspices of the Mayor's Office and Glide Memorial Church, has been provided with several crews from Workfare and volunteer efforts. Participants were provided with training and instruction in general labor and horticultural practices. The work being done includes hauling and stacking of brush, storm damage cleanup, spreading of mulch for weed control, edging lawn areas and loading brush onto trucks to be hauled away. These tasks have been performed at Park Presidio Boulevard; west end of Golden Gate Park at Middle Drive; 25th Avenue between Crossover Drive and Fulton Street; picnic areas at Stow Lake Boathouse and Pioneer Log Cabin.

3COM PARK - PLAYING FIELD Everything is proceeding on schedule in preparation for the San Francisco Giants' Opening Day on April 12. The field will be ready for the Bridge Series with the Oakland A's on March 28. We have installed the same blend of grass as Kezar that has proven very effective.

CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS Since 1993, under state law, we have been required to check the criminal history record of any volunteer who may have supervisory or disciplinary authority over any minor. This same law has applied to employers for a number of years. Persons with specified criminal records have been prohibited from being placed in positions having authority over minors. The law has recently been amended to include persons with

authority over the elderly and over individuals with disabilities. Several calls of complaint have been made regarding this change in state law.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

NEW SUMMER DAY CAMPS The Teen Program Division is working hard to create a variety of camp opportunities for teens this summer. Camp Gourmet, instituted last year, has been scheduled for five weeks. Camp Bay Watch will help teens, ages 14-18, develop their swimming skills and learn lifeguarding techniques. This two-week camp will be offered twice during the summer. The Teen Program Division is also exploring the feasibility of conducting modeling, high adventure and business camps.

GILMAN PLAYGROUND - MIDNIGHT SHAKESPEARE PROGRAM "Gilman Shakes," the Midnight Shakespeare Program at Gilman Playground has received quite a bit of media coverage recently. National Public Radio visited Gilman Playground on January 29. The focus of their story was the social impact of Midnight Shakespeare on at-risk youth in the inner city. Positive feedback from this story has been received from as far away as Boston.

Gilman Playground was also visited by Channel 4 on February 12, Channel 5 on March 4, and The Independent on March 18. NBC News National is scheduled to visit Gilman Playground on April 15 to shoot a piece about the Midnight Shakespeare Program.

GOLF CARTS We received correspondence from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) regarding Assembly Bill 110, which is concerned with golf cart transportation plans. The CHP was contacted to find out how this bill would affect the Recreation and Park Department. We learned that the bill only applies to cities where golf carts operate farther than one-half mile away from the golf course and that those areas where our golf courses cross public roads do not present a problem. Because we have no courses that fit this category, the Recreation and Park Department is not covered by this bill.

3COM PARK - NEW FOOD AND BEVERAGE ITEMS The food service provider at 3COM Park has announced that they will be experimenting with new food and beverage items this year. A total of 23 new food items and five new beverage items are being tested with prices ranging from $3.50 to $6.75. If these items are well-received, approval will be requested from the Commission to provide these items throughout the 1996 baseball and football seasons.

RICHMOND-SUNSET SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT We have been notified by the Board of Permit Appeals that an appeal has been filed in reference to one of the six permits issued on February 23, 1996, to demolish the Richmond-Sunset Sewage Treatment Plant. The hearing is scheduled for March 27. I will apprise you of the outcome of that hearing.

ZOO - WART HOG EXHIBIT The new wart hog exhibit will open at the Zoo next week. The staff, press and donor preview takes place at 10:00 a.m. on March 28; the exhibit will be open to the public on March 29. The naturalistic exhibit features a mud wallow, limbs and rocks as well as 14,500 square feet of area in which the newly introduced pair of animals can roam. The exhibit, designed and built in just five months, will be a significant new attraction at the Zoo.

URBAN PARKS INSTITUTE I will be attending a workshop, "Achieving and Sustaining Great Parks," organized by the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Urban Parks Institute. The purpose of the workshop, which takes place in Austin, Texas, from March 23-26, is to bring together Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund grantees and their public and private guests to discuss the critical issues that face urban parks today.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

RECREATION DIVISION SPRING PARTIES At your places you will find a brochure listing the spring parties taking place at the various playgrounds and recreation centers. You are more than welcome to drop by any of these festivities.

SF TEEN At your places you will find the March 1996 issue of SF Teen, which is written, edited, photographed and managed by a talented group of teens representing a cross section of the City who are part of a Recreation afterschool program.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the months of December 1995 and January and February 1996:

December

Yang, Cheng-Jie	$1,376.61	Savary, Yolanda	$500.00
Mikovich, Robert	500.00	Parodi, Alison M.	1,053.49
Mole, Larry	457.10	Richman, Sandra	2,500.00
Chapman, Georgianna	500.00	Kramer, Clorinda	365.74

January

Soohoo, Samuel (minor)	$2,150.00	Sanchelli, Mintsieu N.	$871.51
Mutter, Keith	545.56	Tibi, Silvino A., Jr.	276.67
Finianos, Theresa Ann	210.00	Gammons, Douglas S.	196.55
D'Angelo, James	3,000.00	Freitas, Ronald E.	106.00
Sigua, Neil	52.41	Yeong, Mary	65.00
Yalon, Jerry	139.00		

February

King-American Ambulance	$1,110.74	UCSF(Lo, Stacey/minor)	$1,670.00
Chua, Erroll/Elizabeth	2,429.00	UCSF(Nguyen, Thai/minor)	1,115.00
Chisum, Audrey (minor)	2,465.00	UCSF(Lin, Allen/minor)	1,410.00
Flack, Elizabeth	227.72	UCSF(Soohoo, Samuel/minor)	295.00
UCSF(Senderovich, Leonid/minor)	295.00	UCSF(Nguyen, Tran/minor)	4,698.16
UCSF(Rudnitsky, Leonid/minor)	295.00	UCSF(Chua, Sam A./minor)	1,210.00

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, March 26, 1996	Parks and Planning Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Thursday, March 28, 1996	Wart Hog Exhibit Preview; 10:00 a.m.; Zoo
Saturday, March 30, 1996	Volunteer Clean Up Day; 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; meet at Stow Lake parking lot
Wednesday, April 3,	Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, Zoo
Thursday, April 4, 1996	Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, April 9, 1996	Recreation Services Committee; 4:00 p.m.; (location to be announced)
Friday, April 12, 1996	Giants Opening Day; 1:05 p.m.; 3COM Park
Wednesday, April 17, 1996	Asian Lunch; 12:00 p.m.; County Fair Building

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolutions were adopted:

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS — RES. NO. 9603-44

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period February 2, 1996 through March 1, 1996.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — RES. NO. 9603-45

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 1996 and the Special Meeting of March 7, 1996, as presented.

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS — RES. NO. 9603-46

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

Donation From:
Mike Behrens
1544 Calinoma Drive
San Jose, CA 95118
One (1) female rabbit

Donation From:
Wildlife Care Center
1560 N. Ontare Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
One (1) Female and One (1) Male Virginia Opossum

Purchased From:
Glenn Mitchell
1394 Warner Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94097
Five (5) female Parakeets and three (3) dwarf rabbits, valued at $105 for the group

Purchased From:
San Diego Zoo, USDA #93-C-040
P. O. Box 551
San Diego, CA 92112
One (1) Female and One (1) Male New So. Wales Walaroos, valued at $3,200 for the group

Donation To:
Woodland Park Zoo, USDA #91-C-001
5500 Phinney Avenue
Seattle, WA 98103
One (1) unknown sex, tarantula

D. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS AWARD OF CONTRACT — RES. NO. 9603-47

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of the construction contract for the Joint Use Site Infrastructure and Roadway project at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens to Barnes/LTM, Joint Ventured in the amount of $629,637 subject to certification by the Human Rights Commission.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

E. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT** **RES. NO. 9603-48**
AFTER SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Japanese Community Youth Council and Richmond District After School Collaborative (RDASC) Memorandum of Understanding.

F. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA** **RES. NO. 9603-49**
MUNI F-LINE DISABLED ACCESS RAMP
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Muni F-Line disabled access ramp at Justin Herman Plaza.

G. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** **RES. NO. 9603-50**
RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $14,950.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a) From Mrs. Harley C. Stevens, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers.

b) From E. W. Blanch Co., through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $450.00, for the Mission Recreation Center.

c) From Magowan Family Foundation, Inc., through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $6,000.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers.

d) From Lane Family Charitable Trust, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,500.00, for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.

e) From Nancy J. McNear, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers.

f) From Elizabeth Torrez, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers.

g. From the Margaret Studley Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for the Duboce Park Sprinkler System.

h. From the estate of Mary A. Lohneis, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,000.00, for the Recreation and Park Department.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

H. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 9603-51
TEEN PROGRAM
OVERNIGHT RETREAT
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Teen Advisory Board Overnight Leadership Retreat to the Westerbeke Ranch in Sonoma, California from March 22-24, 1996.

I. RECREATION DIVISION RES. NO. 9603-52
ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION
OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Assisted Recreation Division Spring break for ten (10) visually impaired teenagers to Lake Don Pedro, California from April 2-5, 1996.

J. RECREATION DIVISION RES. NO. 9603-53
TENDERLOIN CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND
OVERNIGHT TRIP
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Tenderloin Children's Playground overnight camping and river rafting trip to the South Fork of the American River from August 17-18, 1996.

K. HAYES VALLEY PLAYGROUND RES. NO. 9603-54
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL (EOC) HEAD START PROGRAM
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the Memorandum of Understanding between the Recreation and Park Department and the Economic Opportunity Council (EOC) Head Start Program for the temporary placement of their program at the Hayes Valley Playground.

L. GOLDEN GATE PARK AND GREAT HIGHWAY RES. NO. 9603-55
ROAD CLOSURES
"SKATES IN THE PARK" EVENT
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the road closures in Golden Gate Park along John F. Kennedy Drive, Martin Luther King, Jr., Middle Drive west, Transverse Drive and the Great Highway on Sunday May 26, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., for "Skates in the Park", an in-line skating charity event.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioner McArdle-Solomon

GENERAL CALENDAR

2:15 p.m. Commissioner McArdle-Solomon arrived at the meeting

4. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
CHILDREN'S ZOO ENTRANCE RENOVATION
Ratification of expenditure for renovation of entrance to Children's Zoo, at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained that the Children's Zoo was opened in July of 1959 with a "Storyland" theme. In 1964 the Zoological Society began operating it and over the intervening years its theme changed to a more modern animal exhibitry. The very last piece of Storyland that remained was the old castle at the front entrance which was removed because it was aged and did not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The plan is to remodel the entrance of the Children's Zoo by increasing its size for better visibility and so it can also be used as an exhibit area. Colorful flags and a Children's Zoo sign with silhouettes of animals will be placed at the entrance which will be made accessible. A portion of the area will be landscaped so that it can be converted to a nature trail station. Other amenities to be added to the Children's Zoo include a statue of geese, a second nature trail station, and a small waterfall.

Mr. Anderson explained that the Commission did not originally consider this expenditure because the project was less than $50,000. However, the project now exceeds that dollar amount which requires Commission approval.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9603-56

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the expenditure for renovation of entrance to Children's Zoo, at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

5. **FOOD NOT BOMBS**
PERMIT AND RESERVATION POLICY
APPEAL OF USE OF AMPLIFIED SOUND
Appeal of a denial by staff to extend the hours of amplified sound at the Music Concourse in conjunction with the Food Not Bomb's Soupstock '96 event to be held on Saturday, April 27, 1996.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson , explained that this item is a request to modify the existing amplified sound policy at the Bandshell area in Golden Gate Park in conjunction with an event to be held by Food Not Bombs on April 27. The existing Permit and Reservation Policy allows amplified sound for five hour blocks of times between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Food Not Bombs is requesting an additional hour for a total of six hours of amplified sound. This request was denied by staff as it would modify the Permit and Reservation Policy. All other permits issued by the Permits Division have complied with the current policy and approving the request would set a dangerous precedent. Therefore he asked the Commission to uphold the staff's decision.

5. **FOOD NOT BOMBS**
PERMIT AND RESERVATION POLICY
APPEAL OF USE OF AMPLIFIED SOUND (Continued)

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Robinson explained that since this amplified restriction was imposed, the Permits Division has not made an exception to this rule although such requests are often made. Staff has consistently denied these requests.

In response to Commissioner Brattesani's question, Mr. Robinson explained that formerly there was a policy that allowed for amplified sound beyond 6:00 p.m., but staff received numerous complaints from the community that the sound was intrusive. Since the policy was changed almost 3 years ago, there have been no complaints.

Keith McHenry, representing Food Not Bombs, explained that he wanted to have amplified sound from Noon to 6:00 p.m. His organization represents a large number of communities in San Francisco and he wanted to have a Latino band, an African American band, a women's band, a band for young people and a band for older people. Therefore, he needed an additional hour so that the bands would have sufficient time to set-up and break-down. He has staged this event for several years and there is a continuing problem with the number of bands that want to perform. Over 50 bands have requested to play 45 minute sets. Literature from the different organizations in the City are distributed from tables that are set up around the Bandshell. He further explained that the sound system used is not very large.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon queried whether the decibel level of amplified sound could be considered to accomodate the Food Not Bombs organization.

President Immendorf explained that the issue is not only the amplified sound but the duration of the sound.

Mr. Robinson further explained that since the renovation of the Bandshell the acoustics have changed and complaints now come from Fulton Street area.

Commissioner Rovetti said that while he understood the dilemma facing Food Not Bombs he felt the staff's decision should be upheld. He felt that if the modification was granted, many other organizations would ask for the same courtesy.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9603-57

RESOLVED, That this Commission upholds the staff denial to extend the hours of amplified sound at the Music Concourse in conjunction with the Food Not Bomb's Soupstock '96 event to be held on Saturday, April 27, 1996.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

6. **GREAT HIGHWAY AND LINCOLN PARK ROAD CLOSURES**
16TH ANNUAL ALCATRAZ TRIATHALON

Approval of road closures in Golden Gate Park along the Great Highway from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., El Camino Del Mar through Lincoln Park from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., and the northern lane of El Camino Del Mar between the Legion of Honor and Sea Cliff from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., on Sunday, June 9, 1996 for the 16th Annual Alcatraz Triathalon, Escape from the Rock event.

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo, explained that this item is a request for road closures along the Great Highway north and sound bound from Balboa Street to Sloat Blvd. from 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. A new road closure has been requested this year to close the northern lane of El Camino Del Mar between the Legion of Honor and Sea Cliff. This event will draw approximately 600 people. At the time of the Committee meeting, staff recommended denial of the road closure of El Camino del. Mar based on concerns expressed by Richmond Police Station, and Recreation and Park Department staff and the Legion of Honor staff. Since that meeting, a letter was received from the Fine Arts Museums (representing the Legion of Honor) and the Department of Public Works that stipulated certain conditions allowing for the El Camino del Mar road closures. Therefore, she recommended approval of all the requested road closures.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani, seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9603-56

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the closures in Golden Gate Park along the Great Highway from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., and the northern lane of El Camino Del Mar between the Legion of Honor and Sea Cliff from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., on Sunday, June 9, 1996 for the 16th Annual Alcatraz Triathalon event.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

7. **STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE YARD UNDERGROUND TANKS**
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Approval of award of contract for the installation of new underground tank in the Structural Maintenance Yard to the lowest responsive bidder not to exceed $450,000.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item is a recommendation to approve the award of contract in the amount of $350,920, to Acutite Environmental Engineering, for the installation of two underground tanks to be placed in the Corporation Yard. The yard has very small underground tanks which require constant refueling adding to the cost of providing fuel for the maintenance vehicles. Staff wants to remove the tanks because they are old and not environmentally sound.

In response to Commissioner Moylan's question, Ms. Learner speculated that the present tanks have been in place for many decades, perhaps 30 to 40 years. She was unsure if there has been leakage but when the tanks are removed precautionary measures will be exercised to ensure that there is no leakage.

7. **STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE YARD UNDERGROUND TANKS AWARD OF CONTRACT (Continued)**

In response to Commissioner Brattesani's question if the tanks could be re-used, Ms. Learner said there is a detailed regulatory procedure in order to remove the underground tanks and that they would not be suitable for re-use.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9603-57

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract in the amount of $350,920, to Acutite Environmental Engineering, for the installation of new underground tank in the Structural Maintenance Yard.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

8. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT ASSISTED RECREATION LONG RANGE PLAN**

Presentation of the Assisted Recreation Long Range Plan for the Recreation and Park Department.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request to approve the Assisted Recreation Long Range Plan that was prepared by San Francisco State University. The Recreation Division requested this plan over three years ago with the hope to develop a consistent long range plan for people with disabilities. Staff has reviewed the plan and was pleased with the concept as it affords the Department with a very structured plan to develop programs and to integrate people with disabilities into Department programs. While most cities address physical access, this document also speaks about programs.

Ginny Silva Jaquith, Ed.D., of the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, San Francisco State University, said this plan represents an important step to achieve a commitment to provide services for those with disabilities. This particular plan focuses on services for children and youth and is an important step because in 1990 the Department began a process to evaluate facilities in terms of their accessibility. This plan is the second step in that process as it begins to focus on programs and how to provide appropriate recreational programs for persons with disabilities. Recreation and Park is the very first agency in the State of California to have this type of document and a working set of guidelines for the next several years to ensure that all persons in the City have access to recreational services. The plan identifies areas of concerns but speaks well of the Department's commitment to provide services to persons with disabilities. Dr. Jaquith further explained that a number of graduate students worked on the plan.

Commissioner Brattesani thanked Dr. Jaquith and the Department for putting this document together and explained that the document will be modified as needs change.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, was pleased to have this document and wanted to share it with other jurisdictions. The document identifies a list of possible funding sources so the Department will be able to implement the plan.

8. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
ASSISTED RECREATION LONG RANGE PLAN (Continued)

On recommendation of the Recreation Services Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9603-60

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Assisted Recreation Long Range Plan for the Recreation and Park Department.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

9. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
ASSISTED RECREATION LONG RANGE PLAN
POLICY STATEMENT

Approval of policy statement for the Assisted Recreation Division of the Recreation and Park Department.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that along with the adoption of the Master Plan for the Assisted Recreation Division, the document suggests the Department establish a policy statement. Accordingly, he asked that the Commission adopt a policy statement to represent the Assisted Recreation Division.

President Immendorf said that he and his wife have worked many years with persons with disabilities and Recreation and Park has set a great example in being pro-active in this area.

On recommendation of the Recreation Services Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Brattesani, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9603-61

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following policy statement for the Assisted Recreation Division of the Recreation and Park Department :

> The Recreation and Park Department is committed to the intent and spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act and will provide safe, supportive quality recreation and leisure experiences for persons with disabilities. To this end, every effort will be made to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities in existing recreation programs, services and facilities provided by the Recreation and Park Department. The staff of the Recreation and Park Department will work with individuals with disabilities to identify avenues for reasonable accommodations that ensure program participation to the highest degree possible, yet within the resources available in the Recreation and Park Department and community.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

10. 3COM PARK AT CANDLESTICK POINT
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
TICKET PRICE INCREASE 1996 SEASON

Consideration of the San Francisco Forty Niners' request to increase the price of admission tickets from $39.75 to $45.00, effective with the 1996 football season.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is a request from the Forty Niners to increase ticket prices. This price increase is substantial, however, the Forty Niners provided a list of comparable ticket prices for other professional football teams. The proposed prices place the Forty Niners in the upper tier of what other franchises charge. The team has a number of loyal fans and thousands of people on waiting lists to purchase season tickets. The lease with the Forty Niners states that the Commission cannot "unreasonably" withhold a price increase and the Commission has determined that the definition of reasonable shall be what other football teams charge. Based on these facts, he recommended that the request be approved.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9603-62

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the San Francisco Forty Niners' request to increase the price of admission tickets from $39.75 to $45.00, effective with the 1996 football season.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

11. 3COM PARK AT CANDLESTICK POINT
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
PARKING PRICE INCREASE

Consideration of the San Francisco Forty Niners' request to increase the fees charged to park in the stadium parking lots, effective with the 1996 football season.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Forty Niners have requested a $5.00 increase across the board to park at the stadium. The Forty Niners provided comparable parking fees for other sport franchises. He noted that there is an acute shortage of parking spaces at the main lot. For the past four years, most of the spaces have been sold on a season ticket basis and they have not had difficulty selling them. Complaints have been lodged saying that the fees are too high. Many people are threatening to take public transportation because of the substantial fee increase but given the shortage of parking and the need to promote transit, he recommended approval.

Commissioner Rovetti felt the Commission should have more control on the outer parking lots surrounding the stadium.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that quite a few City agencies have jurisdiction over the outer lots, but not Recreation and Park. The City Attorney formed a task force to review the outer lots and to develop a series of recommendations. She suggested that Commissioner Rovetti contact the City Attorney's Office to find out the recommendations developed by that task force.

11. 3COM PARK AT CANDLESTICK POINT
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
PARKING PRICE INCREASE (Continued)

President Immendorf wished that people would use public transit and said that often people park in the stadium lot to have a party rather than for the convenience of parking.

Wayne Sherman, was opposed to the parking increase and found it difficult to access the stadium because he uses a wheelchair. Accessing the stadium with public transit in a wheelchair presents a problem. The proposed fee represents a 33% increase when his personal income has increased less than 3%. He did not mind a small increase but felt that because parking is a premium does not justify a 33% increase. He did not want special treatment because he was in a wheelchair.

President Immendorf said he would discuss the issue of parking spaces for those who are mobility impaired with the Forty Niners because it is difficult to access the stadium with public transit.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9603-64

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the San Francisco Forty Niners' request to increase the fees charged to park in the stadium parking lots, effective with the 1996 football season, as follows:

	Current	Approved
Automobiles	$15.00	$20.00
RV's	25.00	30.00
Limousines	25.00	30.00
Regular Buses	20.00	25.00
Articulated Buses	30.00	35.00

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

12. SOUTH END ROWING CLUB
MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE/LOCKER FEE SCHEDULE
Approval of annual membership fee increase to fund improvements for the women's locker room and handicap access facilities of South End Rowing Club and a new locker fee schedule to establish equitable fees for different size lockers, effective 1/1/97.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that several months ago the Commission approved the renovations at South End Rowing Club. The Club has voted to impose on itself a fee increase in order to finance these improvements. He outlined the fee increase which would be effective January 1,1997. A meeting was held with the membership which overwhelmingly supported the increase. There was a question raised at the Committee level as to whether the fee increase was appropriate because there is a provision of the agreement that capital improvements to the facility should be done by special assessment. However, the agreement also states that improvements required by

law or regulation can be done by a fee increase. The City Attorney's Office concurred that the fee increase could be used to finance the capital improvements.

12. SOUTH END ROWING CLUB
MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE/LOCKER FEE SCHEDULE (Continued)

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9603-65

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the annual membership fee increase to fund improvements for the women's locker room and handicap access facilities of South End Rowing Club and a new locker fee schedule to establish equitable fees for different size lockers, effective January 1, 1997.

	Current	Approved
Annual Membership Fee	$255	$305
Annual Full Size Lockers	110	110
Annual Medium Size Lockers	110	85
Annual Small Size Lockers	110	60

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

12A. 3COM PARK AT CANDLESTICK POINT
BUTLER CATERING
LUXURY SUITE PRICE MENU
Consideration to approve the Luxury Suite menu prices for the 1996 baseball and football season at 3COM Park at Candlestick Point.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that Butler Catering provides food and beverage service to the luxury suites. Butler has proposed a revised menu for the 1996 season. There are many items that have been increased, a few that have been reduced, and many new items. He outlined the proposed changes to the menu. There is no requirement for luxury suites holders to purchase food from the Butler Catering. The only prohibition is that one cannot bring cans or bottles into the stadium.

Commissioner Quaranta commented that every time he purchases peanuts they are stale and inedible. Commissioner Rovetti found the menu quite expensive.

A discussion ensued about the food and beverage prices for the luxury suites. Some commissioners commented that if one could afford a luxury suite, they could also afford the price of the food and beverage items.

On motion of Commissioner Moylan, seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9603-65

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Luxury Suite menu prices proposed by Butler Catering for the 1996 baseball and football season at 3COM Park at Candlestick Point.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

12B. GOLDEN GATE PARK
GIFT IN PLACE

Conceptual approval of replacement play area to be constructed as a gift in place by the Lucas Dealership Group, Saturn of San Francisco/Saturn of Burlingame, to be placed at either the Panhandle or Tenth and Fulton in Golden Gate Park, contingent upon community and Department review.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the Department was recently approached by the Lucas Dealership Group, Saturn of San Francisco/Burlingame, with a proposal to construct a play area within San Francisco. This item asks the Commission to grant conceptual approval of a replacement play area to be constructed as a gift in place by Saturn to be placed either at the Panhandle or the Tenth and Fulton playground in Golden Gate Park. The gift would be contingent upon community and department review. The Saturn group is interested in constructing the playground; as part of a nationwide program that they are undertaking to construct play areas in many communities across the country. The Saturn Group brings employees to a community and performs the construction in a very few days. They hope to construct the playground on July 20 and 21 and are working in association with Big Toys and Kompan Company, a reputable firm that provides playground equipment in this area. Ms. Learner was confident that Kompan Company will provide high quality equipment, will supervise the installation of the play equipment, and will provide a warranty. Saturn would like to place a sign identifying their donation and she would ensure that the sign complies with the Commission's Gift Policy.

There will be some cost to the Department because the old play equipment will have to be removed and disability access will also have to be provided. The Gift Policy requires that new gifts offer a maintenance endowment, however, since this gift is a replacement in kind, staff will not require it. The gift will result in some reduction to the cost of maintenance of the play equipment.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, said that the playground equipment will have to installed under supervision and in conjunction with the manufacturer of the play apparatus. She said the initial contact for this proposal came from the Mayor's Office and the Mayor is meeting with labor organizations to negotiate the issue of compensation.

In response to Commissioner Brattesani's question, Ms. Learner said she has scheduled a community meeting for March 26 so that the community will be able to look at the types of play equipment.

Pam Rodgers, representing the Lucas Dealership Group, explained that this program started in Tennessee where the Saturn factory is located. The first playground was built in Nashville and was so well received that the retailers wanted to become part of the program. Last summer playgrounds were constructed in New York and New Jersey by Saturn retailers on one weekend. Part of what makes the project so successful is that it is teamwork from the community and the Saturn employees. This year, 300 retailers are building playgrounds throughout the country and they have chosen to build one in San Francisco and one in San Jose.

Margaret Brown, representing Kompan California, displayed a model of the proposed playground.

12B. GOLDEN GATE PARK
GIFT IN PLACE (Continued)

Ms. Learner wanted to explore this proposal with the community and if the community review is favorable and the Department concerns are addressed, staff will not return to the Commission for final review of the playground.

In response to Commissioner Brattesani's question, Ms. Rodgers said the equipment will cost approximately $35,000-$45,000 but the labor will be donated. Ms. Learner said a very inexpensive playground costs to the Department approximately $150,000. Ms. Rodgers asked the Commission to support the process so they could achieve the installation of the equipment on July 20 and 21.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Brattesani, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9603-66

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the replacement play area to be constructed as a gift in place by the Lucas Dealership Group, Saturn of San Francisco/Saturn of Burlingame, to be placed at either the Panhandle or Tenth and Fulton in Golden Gate Park, contingent upon community and Department review.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

13. PORTSMOUTH SQUARE GARAGE
PORTSMOUTH SQUARE PARKING CORPORATION
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Approval of the execution of a promissory note from the Portsmouth Square Parking Corporation to repay a delinquent rent debt to the Recreation and Park Department in the amount of $544,476 (plus 9% interest) within a 7-year period, a lease amendment adding late penalty and termination clauses and language establishing quarterly rent payments, and a settlement agreement providing for the forgiveness of a $500,000 loan from the Open Space Program to the Portsmouth Square Parking Corporation.

3:00 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. the Commission convened in Executive Session to discuss Item 13.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Brattesani, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9603-67

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the execution of a promissory note from the Portsmouth Square Parking Corporation to repay a delinquent rent debt to the Recreation and Park Department in the amount of $544,476 (plus 9% interest) within a 7-year period, a lease amendment adding late penalty and termination clauses and language establishing quarterly rent payments, and a settlement agreement providing for the forgiveness of a $500,000 loan from the Open Space Program to the Portsmouth Square Parking Corporation.

The Commission unanimously approved this item.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Saxman said that employees who work in the Civic Center Plaza area repeatedly disturb him in the early morning hours with the use of leaf blowers. He said he is quite angry, frustrated and stressed by the disturbance of his peace. He has spoken to many staff members about this issue. A year one-half ago 4 or 5 leaf blowers were used in the vicinity of his home, sometimes as early as 4:30 a.m. He found the use of leaf blowers to be very stressful to his life. After discussing this matter with staff the disturbance of the leaf blowers subsided for some time but has now started again.

Recently, one of the female employees informed the Police that Mr. Saxman had assaulted her. He was very upset by such an allegation which was a complete lie. He viewed this statement as a defamation. This incident was documented in a report but he has not been able to obtain a copy of it because it is considered a confidential document. He was very angry about these issues and asked the Commission to speak to the employees about this matter.

Andrew Solow presented a photo of the condition of the soccer field at Youngblood Coleman so that the Commission could see the state of the fields. He said that this photograph is a good example of the condition of the soccer fields.

15. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Note for the Record: The President did not submit a report.

16. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

Commissioner Rovetti explained that he toured the soccer fields on Saturday, March 16 and found the tour to be very informative. Although the fields could be in better condition there is a lack of funding. He discussed this issue with the Mayor and wanted to explore the possibility of transferring the City's reservoirs that are under the jurisdiction of the Water Department to the Recreation and Park Department so that they could be used for soccer. There is a hybrid grass that could be placed on these reservoirs. He noted that the reservoir on University Street could accomodate up to 6 soccer fields. Commissioner Rovetti suggested that a Committee be established with Commissioner Brattesani, Moylan and himself to explore the feasibility of transferring the reservoir property so that more soccer fields could be developed.

Pat Mulligan, representing the Viking Soccer Federation, thanked Commissioner Rovetti and Department staff for attending the soccer tour last week. He represented 256 soccer teams last year with only 17 fields to play on in the City. We would like to expose the game to more youth and get older kids involved in the game. He urged the Commission to assist in developing more areas for soccer.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, said that several months ago she and Mr. Arnold met with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to ask that the Department have access to the tops of reservoir. PUC is now in the process of doing seismic upgrades to the reservoirs and plan to begin the process this year. They are now seeking funds for this project.

17. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of February 7, 1996
- Parks and Planning and Golf Committee Meeting of February 20, 1996
- Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of March 7, 1996
- Recreation Services Committee Meeting of March 12, 1996

18. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Rhoda Goldman, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, the meeting was adjourned with congratulations to Supervisor Carole Migden as she assumes her new office representing San Francisco in the California State Assembly.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Woody Peterson, of the San Francisco Zoological Society, who is recovering from recent surgery.

There being no further business, the 713th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

San Francisco, California
April 18, 1996

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

714th REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, April 18, 1996 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 18, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:	Jack Immendorf, President	Absent:	Elizabeth McArdle Solomon
	John J. Moylan, Vice President		Vincent J. Rovetti
	Dr. Steven J. Brattesani		
	Bella Farrow		
	Angelo Quaranta		

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, presented the following report:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, we are proud to recognize Ulice Blunt, a custodian who has been with the Recreation and Park Department for 30 years. Mr. Blunt has been working at the Portola Recreation Center for the past 21 years and sets high standards for the cleanliness and overall appearance of the recreation center. He has an exemplary attendance record and has earned the respect of everyone with whom he has come into contact. Mr. Blunt attained his 30-year anniversary with the Department on February 14, 1996. We are pleased to present him with his 30-year pin at this time. Ron de Leon, Superintendent of Parks, will make the presentations.

LAURIE GOLDMAN After nine years as the Executive Director of the Strybing Arboretum Society, Laurie Goldman has decided to leave her position to pursue other interests and options. May 15 is her last day, and she is already working with the Board of Trustees to make the transition a smooth one. A nationwide search for the next executive director will be conducted. Under Laurie's leadership, the Society has grown from a "Friends" organization with an annual budget of $300,000 and like-endowment to one with an annual budget of $1 million and an endowment of $3.5 million. The Society has also grown to become a full-fledged partner in the operation of the Botanical Gardens, recognized by the Recreation and Park Department as a model public-private partnership.

SAN FRANCISCO RECYCLING PROGRAM AWARD A special awards reception was held April 11, wherein City departments were recognized for their recycling efforts. Dwain Swain, Supervisor of Heavy Equipment Operations, was recognized by William Lee, Chief Administrative Officer, for his leadership in recycling and waste reduction efforts on behalf of the Recreation and Park Department. This Department particularly recycles a great deal of organic matter that would otherwise go to landfill, which is making an impact on the City's overall goals to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

ECONOMIC SUMMIT Over the last two days, Mayor Willie Brown has hosted an economic summit designed to bring together divergent points of view to begin to shape a vision for the City's economic future. The press has covered most of the major points made during the two-day summit. There were, however, several points made which are of interest to the Commission and the Department. On the first morning, several presentations were made by experts that defined what the state of the City's economy is. Interestingly, most mentioned the importance of quality of life issues to a healthy economy and stated it is one of the major reasons why businesses choose to move here.

Forecasts for where the economy is strong and where it is expected to grow may provide some interesting ideas for new recreations programs. On the final day, a suggestion made by Steven Coyle, Executive Director of the AFL-CIO Investment Section, seemed to catch the Mayor's attention. He suggested a re-thinking of the Mission Bay Project with the idea that it concentrate on housing and creation of another major open space such as Golden Gate Park.

FEMA CONSULTANT The Recreation and Park Department has engaged the services of a consultant to help prepare applications for federal and state emergency assistance in recovering from storm damages over the past two years. The Mayor's Budget Office has now informed us that they will support a supplemental appropriation request to pay for the cost of this consultant. Because time is short, this request is being prepared now. Ratification will be sought from the Commission in May.

RICHMOND-SUNSET SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT I reported last month that the Department had been notified by the Board of Permit Appeals that an appeal had been filed in reference to one of the permits issued to demolish the Richmond-Sunset Sewage Treatment Plant. That appeal was denied at the hearing held on March 27. The ten-day period in which to appeal the denial has now passed. The project has continued on schedule.

LAKE MERCED BOATHOUSE LEASE The Board of Supervisors has approved a lease amendment for the Boathouse Restaurant at Lake Merced. In giving this approval, however, the Board requested that a further amendment be prepared which will require any future assignments of this lease to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval. This amendment will be submitted to the Commission in the near future.

CAPITAL PROJECTS - CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT
Bernal Gym: This renovation project includes a new addition/entry way, upgraded bathrooms, renovated kitchen and weight room, and a new meeting room as well as general refurbishment throughout. The construction contract was awarded to Seto Construction for $286,210. Some dry rot has been found and three other minor change orders have been approved--all well within contingency. In addition, the contract has been delayed for 16 work days due to inclement weather. The project is 93% completed with a target completion date of May 15. If enough funds remain at the end of the project (as expected), we hope to refinish the gym floor, which was not included in the original scope.

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

On April 11, it came to our attention that exterior paint was being sanded at Bernal Heights Recreation Center (as part of the renovation of that facility) without prior knowledge of the lead content of the paint. By the time were able to stop the job on April 12, the sanding had been completed. An environmental consultant was asked to sample the remaining paint to determine its lead content, and soil samples were collected from the site. Test results showed that the various paints contained up to 28% lead, which for all regulatory purposes, is considered to be lead-based paint. In addition, soil samples showed unacceptable levels of lead in the soil adjacent to the construction activities, most likely due to the sanding activities. Samples have also been collected from the children's play area above the recreation center; those sample results are not yet available.

We will be working closely with the Department of Public Works (DPW), the Department of Public Health's Childhood Leave Prevention Program and community lead activists, such as the Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning, to ensure that clean-up is adequate. In addition, over the last several months we have been working with DPW to address these environmental issues (including lead and asbestos) at the beginning of the job so that we can take the proper measures to protect the community.

Potrero Hill Recreation Center: This project involves the installation of a new gym floor, a new accessible toilet and shower room, renovation of bathrooms and kitchen, and a new ramp providing access to the stage area. The contract was awarded to M.H. Construction for $349,744. Two change orders have been approved totaling $38,000--well within contingency reserve. They involved hidden conditions that were uncovered in conjunction with some excavation as well as additional work we requested to renovate the hallway, which had not been in the original scope. The project is 86% completed. Target completion date is May 15. Part of the expected surplus will be used to purchase a new refrigerator for the center.

FUHRMAN BEQUEST The Real Estate Department has informed us that one of the oil wells on the Fuhrman Bequest property in Kern County is no longer producing and must be capped. The cost will be approximately $20,000. The Fuhrman Bequest benefits the Recreation and Park Department and the Library. Both departments will split the cost. Therefore, the cost to the Recreation and Park Department will be approximately $10,000. The Fuhrman Bequest provides approximately $210,000 annually for reforestation in Golden Gate Park.

MILTON MEYER RECREATION CENTER/HUNTERS POINT GYM The Structural Maintenance Yard's deferred maintenance crew, which is funded by the 1995 supplemental to the budget, worked for six weeks at Milton Meyer Recreation Center and Hunters Point Gym. Crafts workers from every shop completed repairs on approximately 300 items--ranging from minor replacements of hardware to extensive infrastructure repairs such as a new sewer system and complete landscaping--in this major rehabilitation effort. Concurrently, the installation of a new automatic irrigation system and restoration of the field was completed. The facilities look great.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

MILTON MEYER RECREATION CENTER/HUNTERS POINT GYM (Continued)
The Gilman Shakes and Midnight Hackers' programs officially kicked off on Monday, April 15, at Milton Meyer Recreation Center. The event included the unveiling of the computers that will be used in the program and a performance by the Gilman Midnight Shakespeare troupe. The Midnight Hackers program will offer computer training to youngsters in the program at Milton Meyer. The San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival are collaborators in these programs. At your places are copies of two articles from the San Francisco Examiner.

CROCKER AMAZON PARK Youth Service Day, sponsored by the Volunteer Center, is set for Saturday, April 20. In past years, 300 to 400 youths have been involved in various projects in Golden Gate Park, Stern Grove and Laguna Honda Hospital. This year, 300 young people will be working at Crocker Amazon Park, picking up trash, removing weeds from the hillside and priming the cement bleacher walls to prepare the park for the following week's Christmas in April project.

On April 27, Christmas in April volunteers--supported by San Francisco corporations, labor, congregations and community organizations--will spread out throughout San Francisco working with neighbors to repair homes and renovate community facilities. This year, Crocker Amazon Park is one of the facilities chosen as a Christmas in April site. We are expecting over 350 volunteers to work on painting the recreation center, installing shelves and cabinets, stenciling stadium walls, building benches, removing weeds and performing other tasks identified by the recreation directors and park gardeners.

SUMMER DAYCAMPS/CAMP MATHER Day camp registration is in full swing. Several sessions are filled, and it is likely that we will set new attendance records this year. We have created four new camps, including an additional sports camp. Sports Camp II will be located at Louis Sutter Playground and will offer daily trips to 3COM Park. Campers will have an opportunity to interact with the Giants' players and utilize the stadium when the Giants are on the road.

The Camp Mather desk began accepting applications on March 29, with the receipt of 875 applications on the first day. Although we were not able to accommodate all requests, many applicants were successful in their quest for a reservation. Non-resident applications were accepted beginning April 12, and over 200 applications were received on that date. As of April 17, Camp Mather reservations are at 96% capacity with approximately 200 people on the waiting list for various times throughout the season. Over-the-telephone and walk-in applications for partial weeks will be accepted as of May 1, 1996. We are on our way to another successful camp season.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

ZOO NEWS Over 19,000 people took advantage of the first Wednesday free admission at the Zoo on April 3. This is one of the Zoo's higher attendance figures and extremely high for April. The large crowd may be attributed to the advertising and opening of the new warthog exhibit. ZooFest--a North African Treasure Trek--will take place on April 26. Ticket sales are ahead of last year at this time; a sellout is anticipated. The eagle breeding season is underway at the Zoo. Four bald eagle chicks have hatched, and four more eggs are due to hatch this week. Two chicks have been fostered to wild adults on Catalina Island, and two more are scheduled to go into a wild nest next week. The remaining four chicks will be reared by adult eagles at the Zoo and released on Catalina Island at about six to eight weeks of age.

SF TEEN At your places you will find the April 1996 issue of SF Teen, which is written, edited, photographed and managed by a talented group of teens representing a cross section of the City who are part of a Recreation afterschool program. Beware of the April Fools Day section!

COMMITMENT TO YOUTH WORKSHOP On April 25, several Recreation staff will participate in a select panel at the Commitment to Youth Conference, one of several regional conferences sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association and Texas A & M University. Our Department was selected to participate because of the innovative and creative programs developed through the Recreation Division. This will be an excellent opportunity to promote our Recreation programs while providing valuable insight into the difficult issue of programming for the youth of today. Staff will include Lorraine Lampkin, Teen Coordinator; Kim Mitchell, T.U.R.F. President; Margot Reed, Director of Midnight Shakespeare Program; and Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, April 20, 1996	Youth Service Day; 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Crocker Amazon
Tuesday, April 23, 1996	Parks and Planning Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, April 24 through Sunday, April 28, 1996	Landscape Garden Show; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Friday and Saturday until 9:00 p.m.); Fort Mason Center
Thursday, April 25, 1996	Joint meeting of Recreation and Park Commission and Planning Commission; 3:00 p.m.; 401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 404
Saturday, April 27, 1996	Christmas in April workday; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Crocker Amazon Park
Wednesday, May 1, 1996	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Education Classroom, Zoo
Thursday, May 2, 1996	Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, May 14, 1996	Recreation Services Committee; 4:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolutions were adopted:

A. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** **RES. NO. 9604-68**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period March 2, 1996 through April 1, 1996.

B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RES. NO. 9604-69**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 21, 1996, as presented.

C. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9604-70**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

Donation From:	**Donation To:**
San Diego Zoo, USDA #93-C-040	Woodland Park Zoo, USDA #91-C-001
P. O. Box 551	5500 Phinney Avenue North
San Diego, CA 92112-0551	Seattle, Washington 98103-5897
Two (2) female Ring Tailed Lemurs	Colony of Waterbugs

D. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** **RES. NO. 9604-71**

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $1,730.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a) From Orchids in the Park, $200.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers Orchid Collection.

b) From Dr. Steven J. Brattesani, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, various pieces of household furnishings, valued at $1,170, for the Joseph Lee Recreation Center.

c) From Dr. Steven J. Brattesani, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $360.00, for the repair of the Commission Meeting Room French Marble Pendulum Clock.

E. **3COM PARK** **RES. NO. 9604-72**
FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICING
1996 BASEBALL AND FOOTBALL SEASONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the prices for food and beverage items provided by Volume Services at 3COM Park for the 1996 baseball and football seasons.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta
Absent: Commissioners McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti

3. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

Note for the Record: Item 3f was removed from the Calendar.

F. RECREATION & PARK DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST
Approval of the Supplemental Appropriation Request in the amount of $360,000 to purchase a piece of equipment (waste recycler) to eliminate storm-related debris in the City's park system.

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. BAYVIEW HILL
EMINENT DOMAIN ACTION
Approval of acquisition of approximately 16 acres of unimproved land on the upper northeast slope of Bayview Hill through eminent domain action for public open space.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the northeast slope of Bayview Hill has been designated as a significant natural area under Policy 13 of the Open Space Element of the City's Master Plan. The Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee has been setting aside money in recent years to acquire as much of the slope as is possible. Last Fall, the City Planning and Recreation and Park Commissions agreed on a line dividing the slope identifying the upper slope for acquisition as public open space, and the lower slope and flat portion along Jamestown to be reserved for the development of housing. Subsequent to that meeting a survey was done to specifically define those boundaries, and the City's Real Estate Department valued the land identified for open space at approximately $64,000. This dollar amount is considerably lower than what has been previously discussed and was rejected by the Marin County Administrator, the trustee for the Bayview Hill land.

Staff was advised by the City Attorney and the Real Estate Department that if the City wished to acquire this property it should seek approval from the Board of Supervisors to proceed with eminent domain. If the Board of Supervisors approved acquisition through eminent domain, there would be a legal proceeding to determine the fair market value of the property. The item before the Commission is to approve a request to ask the Board of Supervisors to proceed under eminent domain to acquire this land.

In response to Commissioner Moylan's question, Mr. Arnold said he understood that an offer has been made to develop the lower portion of the property.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold said there is no specific appropriation set aside for the acquisition for this site, however, there is a master appropriation for acquisition of significant natural areas in the City.

President Immendorf said he was troubled by this issue and although eminent domain would finally resolve the matter, he was amazed at the dollar amount being offered by the City. He felt the offer of $64,000 was an insult to the beneficiary, Pamela Sims, to the Commission, the staff, and to the City. He did not want to take action on this issue and wanted to table the item for 30 days. During that time frame, he would meet with Ms. Sims, the Marin County Public Administrator, staff, and anyone else appropriate to develop a better solution than what had been presented at this meeting.

4. **BAYVIEW HILL**
EMINENT DOMAIN ACTION (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the Commission tabled this matter for thirty days.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta
Absent: Commissioners McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti

Rotea Gilford, said that although he was pleased that the Commission tabled the issue, there were a large number of people from the community who wanted to voice their feelings on this particular issue. While everyone knew the Commission's thoughts on this matter he felt it would be appropriate to hear the community's feelings.

Randall Evans, said that there is an organization known as Fresh Start, with over 15 people who took time from work to attend this meeting, who support the statement made by Mr. Gilford. They did attend the meeting for a purpose.

Jim Thigpen, read the following statement:
"The Coalition of City wide organizations requests, no demands that Ms. Sims be given a fair hearing on this matter of her property located adjacent to 3COM Park. (Formerly known as Candlestick Park.) As we understand the matter, this Department proposes to pay under the disguise of Eminent Domain, some absurd amount for her property. Noteworthy and interesting is the fact that a previous offer had been made for the property by Park and Rec, and the amount was larger by a factor of approximately one hundred. Eminent Domain is translated into the rights of a government to take, or to authorize the taking of a private property for public use and FAIR MARKET VALUE being given to the owner. We challenge your assumptions for authorizing eminent domain to be used in the first place! We challenge your appraisals or assumption that the fair market value is what you are offering! We challenge the insensitivity that you have shown by offering this Owner, a African American Women, one price, while earlier offering her husband, a Male Caucasian since deceased, a much higher and more justifiable cost. We are here to question this Commission, which has had only one African American on the Commission in its history, sensitivity in making decisions where African American are involved. We are here to observe how this Commission, which in its history has only awarded one contract to an African American firm, demonstrates its sensitivity to a issues that has become the rallying point of the African American community. We believe that the owner should be allowed to develop this property as she desires, so long as it is within the boundaries established by the City and County of San Francisco. And finally, we are extremely suspicious that now that 3COM Park will surely be replaced, making this land more valuable, you lower the price to a point that it becomes a JOKE!"

Henry Arana, said his firm was hired to prepare a plan for this property and that it can be developed. He was prepared to present to the City the plans and has a model of the area which contained over 500 units. He is a general contractor and willing to show the City the plans. He informed the Commission to be prepared to make an offer that is reasonable in light of his plans for the property.

4. **BAYVIEW HILL**
EMINENT DOMAIN ACTION (Continued)

Pamela Sims, thanked the people in the Bayview Hunters Point area and the African American community in San Francisco for taking the time to attend this meeting to express their support for her family. On behalf of the entire community, she believed that within 30 days with the leadership of the Commission and the cooperation of staff a resolution will be reached. She was hopeful that the resolution would be positive and allow everyone to come together in a powerful way and end the conflict of black and white, rich and poor, downtown and neighborhood.

President Immendorf pointed out that the Real Estate Department made the $64,000 offer and felt that they should participate in the meetings along with the Chief Administrative Officer, Bill Lee, to resolve this issue.

An unidentified speaker said that Ms. Sims is willing to develop her property and nobody will touch that property under Eminent Domain so she should be offered a fair price.

Al Kurz, said there are many studies about park land. His interpretation of the issue was that the matter was being held off until new members of the Board of Supervisors were appointed. He asked if anyone showed up on behalf of the acquisition of the open space at Bayview Hill.

Greg Gaar, a member of the Park and Open Space Advisory Committee, supported sending the issue to Eminent Domain since the City has not been successful in determining a fair market value on the site. He believed the $64,000 dollar amount offered by Real Estate was low but the main goal was to set aside 16 acres for open space. The land is a significant natural resource area and has been declared that according to Policy 13 of the Recreation and Open Space element of the City's Master Plan, to protect and reserve significant natural resource areas. If nobody can agree on a price, the only other choice is to use the power of Eminent Domain so that a court of law can fairly determine the value of the land.

5. **NEW CHARTER**
PRESENTATION BY CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
Presentation by the City Attorney's Office on the New Charter effective July, 1996.

Deputy City Attorney, Tom Owen, explained that Proposition E (adopted November 1995), approved a new Charter for the City and County of San Francisco. The Charter functions as a constitution for the City. Its basic purpose is to set forth the structure of local government, to distribute powers for local government, including checks and balances, and to establish fundamental principles of the local body. The present Charter has a lot more administrative detail in it and only a vote of the people can adopt or amend the Charter.

There were two basic purposes for presenting the revision: ❶to streamline the document (it went from 350 pages to 90 pages plus appendices), and ❷to simplify the lines of authority in City government to place more responsibility in the elected Mayor and Board of Supervisors. The idea was that such a revision would increase efficiency in government and accountability in public officials.

5. NEW CHARTER
PRESENTATION BY CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (Continued)

The 1932 Charter made a point of diffusing authority throughout the system because at the turn of the century the Mayor and every member of the Board of Supervisors was under indictment for graft and corruption. The Select Committee on Charter Reform which consisted of Supervisors Kaufman, Leal and Tang, held seven months of public meetings. The revised Charter was submitted to the voters, adopted and will take effect on July 1, 1996.

There are two significant areas of change in the new Charter. The first is the basic reorganization of the text. Many technical provisions have been transferred to a series of 4 appendices. Appendix A relates to employee benefits and retirement provisions, Appendix B contains provisions relating to the Port, Appendix C contains provisions relating to the administration of the Ethics Commission and conflict of interest provisions, and Appendix D contains provisions governing the Building Inspection Commission. A number of other technical provisions of the 1932 Charter have been converted to ordinances and placed in the Administrative Code where they can be amended by the Board of Supervisors. The second and more significant change is the relationship between the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and City departments.

Under the new Charter, departments will operate under a very different environment. Presently, many department are under the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). The CAO is appointed for 10 years and may only be removed for official misconduct. Under the new Charter there will not be a CAO; rather there will be a new officer called the City Administrator. The City Administrator will have a five year term of office, be appointed by the Mayor, and can be removed by the Mayor with approval from the Board of Supervisors.

Recreation and Park will remain much as it is now. There will continue to be a seven member commission, whose members may only be removed for cause. The Department will continue to manage and direct parks, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities under its jurisdiction. It will continue to issue permits for all recreational uses and facilities under its control, and will administer the Open Space Fund. The fundamental change is the degree of control of the Department, especially the Commission, will enjoy under the new Charter. The Commission will have to share more of its control with the Mayor and Board of Supervisors. The Mayor will play a greater role in the management of the executive branch departments. Commissions will still prepare budgets but the Mayor will have the authority to re-write the budgets before forwarding them to the Board of Supervisors. The Board will now have the power to add and subtract to department budgets which is an extension of their authority. Commissions will propose rates and fees but those rates and fees must be reviewed by the Mayor and then be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The Mayor will submit all proposed legislation on behalf of Departments including supplemental appropriation requests. Under the new Charter, department heads are primarily responsible for the administration of the Department. The role of the Commission will become more of setting policy.

5. NEW CHARTER
PRESENTATION BY CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (Continued)

The Mayor will appoint department heads. The role of the Commission will be to submit a list of three names for the Mayor and the Mayor will pick from that list. The Commission will retain the power to fire department heads but the Mayor will be able to force the Commission to take a public vote on whether or not to keep a department head and the Commission will have to do that within 30 days from such a request. The Mayor, by executive order, may transfer functions from one department to another and the Board may reject such transfers within 30 days. This power does not cover functions specifically vested in the department by the Charter.

The Board of Supervisors will also gain power over departments. The Board will have the authority to reject the Mayor's proposed appointments to a commission. It will take a two thirds vote of the Board. Under the current Charter the Board cannot interfere in the administrative affairs of a department other than giving their opinion, or urging the Mayor to urge a commission. Under the new Charter the Board will have authority to adopt binding legislation on administrative affairs other than specific contract and personnel decisions. They will be able to direct commissions on issues such as how many days they want swimming pools to be open or what priorities they want to see in recreation programs. This will be subject to Mayoral veto. The Board will have the authority to add and subtract from a departmental budget proposed by the Mayor so long as the total expenditures do not exceed the Mayor's submitted budget. The Board may also initiate supplemental appropriation requests.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, said there are a couple of issues that have arisen such as whether the Department should continue to administer the leases as they are currently exist and as they come up for renewal then change the language. Secondly, the Department operates by a series of policies adopted by the Commission. She queried whether all these rules and policies should be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors within 90 days of implementation of the new Charter.

Mr. Owen said within 90 days of the effective date of the new Charter, departments need to review their rules and regulations to make sure they conform to the new Charter.

Note for the Record: No formal action was taken by the Commission.

6. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
WET WEATHER LIFT STATION PLANS
Approval of wet weather lift station to replace the existing dry weather and wet weather pumping stations at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Assistant to Zoo Director (for Capital Projects), Marla Jurosek, explained that the wet weather lift station is an underground concrete tank that collects all storm and sanitary run-off created by the Zoo and pumps it into the City's sewer system. The new wet weather lift station will be located on the corner of the Great Highway and Sloat Blvd. behind the City's West Side Pump Station.

6. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
WET WEATHER LIFT STATION PLANS (Continued)

The present station operates 100% of the time and the new station will only operate 10% of the time. The station was designed in conjunction with the new sewer line that is proposed for funding under the Zoo's Infrastructure bond. The current pumping station is in a dilapidated state and every drop of water which turns to waste at the Zoo is now pumped into the City's sewer. The new station will represent substantial savings in energy consumption and maintenance costs. The area will be attractively landscaped and visually screened. In coordination with the Department of Public Works (DPW), the station will pick up flows that come from Harding Park, the Recreation Center for the Handicapped and the National Guard Armory. DPW will pay for those installation costs.

The engineer's estimate for this project is $2.4 Million; $1.96 Million will come from the Earthquake Special Project 2 (ESP2) bond funds and $500,000 from the DPW. The bids have been advertised and Ms. Jurosek hoped to have an award of contract presented for the Commission next month.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Brattesani, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9604-73

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the wet weather lift station to replace the existing dry weather and wet weather pumping stations at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta
Absent: Commissioners McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti

7. GOLDEN GATE PARK
POLO FIELDS
SOCCER FIELDS REDESIGN

Consideration of approval of redesign of the Polo Fields in Golden Gate Park to create six full-size soccer fields.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained the soccer field at the Polo Field is a major complex with four soccer pitches, a football field, and a running track. The four soccer pitches have fixed goals which create wear patterns in front of the goals and in the center of the fields. The fields are extensively used and the Department has received continuing criticism about the way they are maintained. There is a plan for enhanced maintenance with the addition of a position as part of next year's budget. The proposal before the Commission is to reconfigure the field to provide six soccer pitches, and to eliminate the football field and the running track. There was another configuration for seven pitches, five full size and two smaller ones. A public meeting was held with the soccer community and they preferred six full size regulation fields. If approved, the work would be completed this summer. There would be movable goals rather than fixed goals which would allow rotation of the fields resulting in more even wear patterns. Staff believes that it will be easier to maintain and also give better playing fields.

7. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
POLO FIELDS
SOCCER FIELDS REDESIGN (Continued)

There has been a lively debate on the exact composition of grass that will be used, and whether it will be seeded or sodded. This issue has not yet been resolved. There are sufficient funds, close to $200,000, through the Open Space Program and Friends of Recreation and Parks for this project. There is support from the soccer community and he recommended approval.

In response to Commissioner Brattesani's questions, Mr. Arnold explained that the Commission approved a maintenance position specifically dedicated for the Polo Field and the type of turf is still being discussed by staff.

President Immendorf asked if the Polo Fields will no longer be used for horse sporting events such as polo. Mr. Arnold said that this layout does not preclude uses other than soccer. It clearly allows for other athletic uses and for other non-athletic events such as annual Bay to Breakers post race event which will still take place at the Polo Field.

Chris Duderstadt, distributed a photograph of how he envisioned the Polo Field. He then distributed a report on who uses the Polo Field, the list of the various leagues that reserve space at the Polo Field, and reasonable estimates on the use of the fields. This report was compiled with assistance from the Permits and Reservations Division. The Polo Field and Beach Chalet are used 3 times more than Kezar Stadium and 6 times more than Big Rec Field. He charged the Commission to ask how much staff has allocated to maintain those fields. He said the soccer community wanted to be involved in the decision on what turf is used for this field because they do not have confidence that the Department know how to put in a soccer field and maintain it. He referenced the Dolores Park soccer field which is still not in playable condition. He is saddened to have to take a team onto the Polo Field because of its deplorable condition.

Cary Jones, representing California Youth Soccer, was pleased to see the reconfiguration, approved the basic plan for the Polo Fields, and liked the flexibility to reconfigure the field using portable goals. The main issue he was concerned about was whether the field would be established with seed or sod. If sod is used on the 15 acres of the Polo Field it will cost an enormous amount of money. That money could be used to maintain other soccer fields and to buy new equipment. He said he heard that staff repeatedly wanted to use Bermuda grass and he was adamantly opposed to it because it does not fit the climate and requires a great deal of maintenance because of the need to overseed it. He had not received any response from the Department on the type of turf to be used at the Polo Field.

Andy Solow, explained that he submitted a letter regarding the use of Bermuda sod. He said Bermuda sod is a totally inappropriate material to be used at the Polo Field because of the climate. He said the Polo Field is very cold and does not get a great deal of sunlight and the staff is incompetent for even considering it. He said the fact that he has to attend the Commission meeting because he never received a written response from staff, and that staff is still considering it, is very irritating to him. There is not a shred of documentation or evidence that would substantiate the use of Bermuda sod as the appropriate material. He finalized his comments by saying he was disgusted.

7. GOLDEN GATE PARK
POLO FIELDS
SOCCER FIELDS REDESIGN (Continued)

President Immendorf pointed out that he was not an expert in the type of turf material to be used and was confident that the Department would do the right thing.

Commissioner Brattesani said that he is looking at all sorts of options and will be presenting a new type of biosynthetic grass at a future meeting of the Recreation Services Committee.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning and Golf Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Farrow, seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9604-74

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the redesign of the Polo Fields in Golden Gate Park to create six full-size soccer fields with moveable goals.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta
Absent: Commissioners McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti

8. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
PEST CONTROL PROGRAM
Adoption of the Integrated Pest Management Policy for the Recreation and Park Department.

Superintendent of Parks, Ron de Leon, explained this item is a request to adopt an Integrated Pest Management Policy for the Recreation and Park Department. This item has come to the forefront following a press conference held by the Green Corps and Pesticide Watch Education Fund evaluating the Department's pesticide control program. In that evaluation they gave the Department a report card grade of "D". The report advocated the Department to:

❶ban the most dangerous pesticides
❷commit to a 50% reduction by volume of the overall pesticide use by 1998
❸hire an outside consultant to assist current staff in learning new non-toxic alternatives to deal with pest problems
❹require pre and post notification of all pesticide applications
❺adopt a written policy which prioritizes non-toxic alternative pest control.

Mr. de Leon said the Department follows all the laws regarding pesticide use and the handling of pesticides. The Department has a standard operating procedure manual for use of pesticides on Recreation and Park Department property. All of the Department's personnel who handle pesticides are trained on an annual basis by the licensed Pest Control Advisors who must provide written recommendations for application of any pesticide. The written recommendation will identify the target pest, the pesticide to be used, the amount, and the conditions under which that pesticide may be used.

8. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
PEST CONTROL PROGRAM (Continued)

The Department has created a Pest Management Advisory Committee which reviews all policies, training, handling, and purchasing of pesticide within the Department. This Committee along with the Department's **Industrial Hygienist, Hilary Stoermer,** meet on a monthly basis. They have also reviewed Integrated Pest Management Programs (IPM) used by other Recreation and Park agencies.

Mr. de Leon said although the Department is not in total agreement with the evaluation done by Pest Watch, it does agree with the implementation of an IPM Program and that a policy should be established by the Commission. He noted that, in the past, 3 of the pesticide control positions were deleted from the budget. In next year's budget, the Department has requested that 2 of these positions be reinstated and that $100,000 be allocated to identify a consultant to assist the Department in developing an Integrated Pest Management Program for the Department. He read the proposed policy to the Commission.

In response to Commissioner Brattesani's questions, Ms. Stoermer explained that pesticide operators receive their license through the State of California. Mr. de Leon explained that the Department does not plan to solicit volunteers from private pest control companies but will be working with Lynn Hawkins, a specialist with the State Department of Pesticide Regulation.

Megan Delaney, representing Green Corps/Pesticide Watch, reiterated the findings from their study. She said the Department is failing to protect the environment through the use of toxic pesticides, does not emphasize non toxic alternatives, and uses highly toxic pesticides. Of the 60+ pesticides used by Recreation and Park at least 26 are suspected of causing cancer, 25 are highly toxic to fish, 20 are suspected of causing reproductive problems, 19 can potentially cause genetic damage, and 4 could cause birth defects. The Department does not adequately notify the public of pesticide application. Many populations currently using the park, such as children, seniors and those with acquired immune deficiency, are much more susceptible to pesticide poisoning and should be adequately notified. She said that there are many alternatives that exist to the use of pesticide and that Sheila Darr from the Bio Integral Resource Center in Berkeley has offered to assist the Department. She recounted the 5 recommendations previously enumerated and urged the Commission to ask the Board of Supervisors to adopt such an ordinance.

Lurilla Harris, asked the Commission, before passing this item, to define the word "pest". Some people thing pigeons are pests and others feed them. She said the Commission needed to define pests so that the public can talk about it.

Ed Cooney, a volunteer with Pesticide Watch, congratulated the Commission for addressing this issue but said the Department does not follow an IPM Program when it still uses over 60 pesticides. He stressed the use of non toxic alternatives and recommended that everyone read Common Sense, Pest Control, written by Sheila Darr. He said that nearly 1000 people have signed a petition saying they are concerned about the Department's policy and a coalition comprised of 16 organizations, both local and nationally, have supported their program. He urged the Commission to adopt the five

points previously outlined by Ms. Delaney and to ask the Board of Supervisors to approve an ordinance to that effect.

8. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
PEST CONTROL PROGRAM (Continued)

Andrew Taylor, a volunteer with Pesticide Action, urged the Commission to use Bio Integral Resource Center's offer for assistance and follow an example for the use of pesticide such as has been done in Oakland and Berkeley.

Brianna Learlitt, uses the park daily but only recently learned of the highly dangerous use of pesticide by the Department. As a city resident and park user she felt that the threat of toxic pesticide use in the City should be addressed. Although the proposed policy is a step in the right direction, she asked that Recreation and Park to go a step further and urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance with a specified time frame to reduce the amount of pesticide use and to ban the most dangerous ones.

Geoffrey Strawbridge, said there is a reason for quick action because there are dangerous health risks associated with the pesticides used by Recreation and Park. Among the acute symptoms that occur after exposure are irritation, stinging, burning, rashes, blisters, and dizziness and vomiting occur shortly after exposure. Pesticides can cause allergic reactions and result in situations where individuals become hyper sensitive. Long term effects are many forms of cancer including leukemia, birth defects and gene damage. Children, the elderly and individuals with immune deficiencies are more susceptible to these pesticides. He requested that the Commission put forth a recommendation urging the Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance endorsing the five points referenced by Ms. Delaney.

Cary Jones, California Youth Soccer, said that when the list of pests is developed, he asked that the gopher be listed as a pest. He wagered that the gopher has done more destructive damage to the Polo Field than all of the soccer players. Gopher holes are very dangerous and there are non toxic means such as traps that can be used.

Robert von Holdt, of San Francisco Green Party, said the Green Party strongly supports the recommendations of Green Corps and Pesticide Watch. He encouraged the Commission to urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance which establishes a time line and delineates the most dangerous pesticides. San Francisco is often viewed as the City on the forefront of progressive change and he encouraged Recreation and Park to carry out this tradition by using safer, non toxic alternatives for pesticides. He believed that the only safe pesticides are no pesticides, particularly because of the City's large population of HIV/AIDS, who are especially sensitive to chemicals and environmental illness.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning and Golf Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Brattesani, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

8. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
PEST CONTROL PROGRAM (Continued) **RES. NO. 9604-75**

RESOLVED, That this Commission adopts the Integrated Pest Management Policy for the Recreation and Park Department.

The use of pesticides and other chemicals in the environment has become an increasingly controversial subject. The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (RPD) wishes to minimize impacts on human health and the environment in managing pests.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a decision-making process intended to suppress pest populations that may cause unacceptable safety, health, economic or functional damage to Recreation and Park property with emphasis on reduced risk strategies and tactics that protect people and the environment, and generally uses pesticides as the last resort.

It shall be the policy of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department to implement Integrated Pest Management as its strategy for pest management.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta
Absent: Commissioners McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti

9. **NAMING AND/OR CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES POLICY**
PORTOLA RECREATION CENTER
Consideration of the request to rename Portola Recreation Center in memory of the late Sululagi M. Palega, Jr.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request to rename Portola Recreation Center in memory of Sululagi Palega, Jr. Mr. Palega was a native San Franciscan who was tragically killed at the young age of 22. The Commission previously did not consider this issue because of the two year waiting period requirement contained in its Naming or Changing the Designation of Facility Policy. The two year waiting period has now lapsed and staff enthusiastically supported this request. The Recreation Division works with many high risk youth and teens and tries to guide them in a positive direction. This name change would send a message to the young people of San Francisco recognizing a positive role model such as Sululagi Palega, Jr. Mr. Palega was two weeks away from becoming a recreation director for the Recreation and Park Department when he was killed. Mr. Robinson explained that the family prepared a biography on the life of Sululagi Palega, Jr.

Sululagi Palega, Sr., thanked staff for their assistance in this request and said there were a number of signatures gathered from the neighborhood supporting it. Throughout the City people feel that this name change would be a tribute to young people. He works with the City's Gang Task Force and said this was a positive step for youth, American Samoans and the Palega family. He explained that his son was part of the Recreation and Park family all his life, beginning at the age of 4 when he played at Jackson Playground. Sululagi, Jr., was brutally murdered in a drive-by shooting.

9. **NAMING AND/OR CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES POLICY PORTOLA RECREATION CENTER (Continued)**

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning and Golf Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Moylan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9604-76

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request to rename Portola Recreation Center in memory of the late Sululagi M. Palega, Jr.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta
Absent: Commissioner McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti

10. **NAMING AND/OR CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES POLICY TENNIS COURTS ADJACENT TO SIGMUND STERN GROVE**

Consideration of the request to name the tennis courts adjacent to Sigmund Stern Grove on Sloat Boulevard near 19th Avenue, in honor of former Commissioner Frances McAteer.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this item is a request to name the existing tennis courts located near Stern Grove on Sloat Boulevard in honor of former Recreation and Park Commissioner Frances McAteer. Staff recommended approval of this request because of Mrs. McAteer's long standing support for the Department. For many of her 19+ years as a Recreation and Park Commissioner she chaired the Recreation Program Committee and advocated for youth activities, particularly in the sport of tennis. Mr. Robinson stated that under her tutelage she guided and directed the Recreation Division. He felt it was fitting to name these tennis courts for Frances M. McAteer.

Tom McAteer, the former commissioner's son, said that Frances McAteer served on the Recreation and Park Commission for many years and was very active in supporting the Department and the City. He felt she would be delighted to learn of this tribute and thanked the Commission and staff for recommending approval of this request.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning and Golf Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9604-77

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request to name the tennis courts adjacent to Sigmund Stern Grove on Sloat Boulevard near 19th Avenue, in honor of former Commissioner Frances McAteer.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta
Absent: Commissioners McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti

11. NAMING AND/OR CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES POLICY
SIGMUND STERN GROVE MEADOW

Consideration of the request to name the concert meadow at Sigmund Stern Grove in memory of Rhoda H. Goldman, recognizing her efforts on behalf of the Stern Grove Midsummer Music Festival.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that this item is a proposal to name the concert meadow at Stern Grove in memory of Rhoda Goldman. Mrs. Goldman passed away unexpectedly in February. There is a long history of this family's association with Sigmund Stern Grove. Rosalie Meyer Stern founded the Stern Grove Festival and donated the property in memory of her husband. Mrs. Stern was the first of several directors, all of whom, including Mrs. Goldman, have been part of the Stern family. Mrs. Goldman was also the great grand niece of the clothing manufacturer Levi Strauss and was known world wide for her support of environmental and park issues. The Goldman Environmental Awards which Mrs. Goldman founded along with her husband, Richard, support environmental causes. The Stern Grove Festival is a wonderful event that has existed for 59 years and it provides outdoor concerts during the summer for thousands of people from all over Northern California. Rhoda Goldman was very involved with the Stern Grove Association and personally enjoyed putting together the concert series and was actively involved in its fundraising activities. The Recreation and Park Department and the City of San Francisco will miss her very much. Ms. Burns recommended that the concert meadow be named for Rhoda Goldman and felt it was a fitting memorial.

Patricia Kristoff Moy, representing the Stern Grove Festival Association, was present on behalf of the Board of Directors, the Goldman family, and the Board's new chair, Douglas Goldman, Rhoda and Richard Goldman's son. Ms. Moy explained that Rhoda Goldman addressed the Commission approximately one year ago and talked with great enthusiasm and pride about the upcoming season and the long standing collaboration between the Recreation and Park Department and Commission and Festival Association. Ms. Moy said Rhoda Goldman would be honored by this tribute and she thanked staff for making this recommendation. The entire 1996 Stern Grove Festival season will be dedicated in memory of Rhoda Goldman. She invited all commission members to join them at the opening of the 1996 summer season when the meadow will be formally dedicated in Rhoda Goldman's name.

President Immendorf said Rhoda Goldman was an exceptional lady who was dedicated to Recreation and Park Department. He had the great pleasure of attending many concerts at Stern Grove and was shocked and saddened by her sudden passing. She brought many good things to the San Francisco community.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning and Golf Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Moylan, seconded by Commissioner Brattesani, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9604-78

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request to name the concert meadow at Sigmund Stern Grove in memory of Rhoda H. Goldman, recognizing her efforts on behalf of the Stern Grove Midsummer Music Festival.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta
Absent: Commissioners McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti

12. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
NEW STADIUM FUND

Approval of request to create a New Stadium Fund which would receive funds for planning, development and construction of a new football stadium.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained the Forty Niners have expressed an interest in a new stadium and has said that if no plans are made for a new football stadium they will not stay in San Francisco upon termination of their lease in 2007. They have also indicated an interest in participating financially in the development of a new football stadium. There will be some City costs to develop a new football stadium such as planning and development costs. There has been discussion that the City's participation will be as much as $25 to $50 Million although that dollar amount has not yet been finalized. This proposal is to create a New Stadium fund to help fund the City's share using the proceeds from the Stadium Naming Rights Agreement. This agreement will bring $3.9 Million to the City and Mr. Arnold proposed that the money be placed in a fund to accrue interest so there is seed money for the stadium development fund.

Mr. Arnold further explained that the Controller informed the Department that he would not support creation of a special fund but would support an amendment to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. This Ordinance is the City's budget and contains narrative language on how the City budget is created. There would have to be an amendment to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance which would authorize the Controller to set aside proceeds from the Stadium Naming Rights Agreement for purposes of developing a new football stadium and to allow the interest to apply to this project. The Controller has a policy issue opposing the creation of special funds.

In response to President Immendorf's question, Mr. Arnold said the Department will have to be very diligent every year when the Annual Appropriation Ordinance is approved to make sure that this language is included.

In response to Commissioner Brattesani's question, Mr. Arnold said if the Commission changes the Controller's language, the Controller will not support it when it is presented to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Arnold clarified the point that this is General Fund money and it may or may not be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Moylan, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9604-79

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request to amend the Annual Appropriation Ordinance to set aside funds for the planning, development and construction of a new football stadium.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta
Absent: Commissioners McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti

13. 3COM PARK AT CANDLESTICK POINT
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
NEW FOOTBALL STADIUM

Approval of Supplemental Appropriation Request in the amount of $1.5 million to begin the planning and design for a new football stadium to replace 3COM Park at Candlestick Point.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Department has received the first payment of $1.5 Million from the Forty Niners from the Stadium Naming Rights Agreement. As of now, that money is treated as departmental revenue just like any other concession revenue. However, this revenue was unanticipated. If nothing is done with this money it will be considered surplus and could be used for any purpose at the end of the fiscal year. The proposal before the Commission is to request the Board of Supervisors to appropriate this $1.5 Million to a project for the planning and development of a new football stadium. Part of the money will be used to hire a consultant, so that the City can plan and develop a design for the new stadium project.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Brattesani, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9604-80

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Supplemental Appropriation Request in the amount of $1.5 million to begin the planning and design for a new football stadium to replace 3COM Park at Candlestick Point.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta
Absent: Commissioners McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti

14. 3COM PARK AT CANDLESTICK POINT
MODIFICATION OF SEATING
AWARD OF CONTRACT

Approval of the award of contract in the amount of $282,300, to Wing Wong Building Construction for modification of seating at 3COM Park at Candlestick Point.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the plan to modify the seating for the stadium was approved in concept several months ago and now the actual award of contract is before the Commission. The contract will modify the seating in the stadium to provide additional disabled access. In the lower stands, there are a number of platforms for wheelchairs. However, several of those platforms do not comply with current disabled access codes. Some of the existing seats will be modified at the end of rows in the lower stands so that people with disabilities can access those seats more easily. There will also be modification of seating in the upper deck so that people with disabilities can access those areas. The City has reached a tentative settlement with the Disability Rights and Educational Defense Fund (DREDF) and the Department of Justice which may not require the City to put accessible seats in the cross aisle. If this is the case, the contract will be modified to delete this requirement.

In response to Commissioner Moylan's question, Mr. Arnold did not know if the proposed contractor was a union contractor.

**14. 3COM PARK AT CANDLESTICK POINT
MODIFICATION OF SEATING
AWARD OF CONTRACT (Continued)**

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9604-81

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract in the amount of $282,300, to Wing Wong Building Construction for modification of seating at 3COM Park at Candlestick Point.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta
Absent: Commissioners McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti

**14A. 3COM PARK AT CANDLESTICK POINT PARKING LOT
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
RENT CREDIT**

Consideration of a rent credit to the San Francisco Forty Niners not to exceed $325,000, to repair potholes, slurry seal, and restripe the parking lot at 3COM Park at Candlestick Point.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold, explained that the Forty Niners' lease provides for rent credits in order to finance capital improvements in the stadium. For a number of years, the Department has planned to make improvements to the parking lot. The last time improvements were made to the parking lot was in 1988. The parking lot is full of potholes, decaying asphalt, and there is a need to restripe the lot because of its deteriorated state. The Forty Niners have proposed to replace approximately 72,000 square feet of pot holes and to fill them in, reseal the entire parking lot, and restripe it. It is hoped that the parking lot improvements will last at least five years. The work will be done in May of this year. The actual rent credit would be given in next fiscal year, beginning in July when the Forty Niners make payments to the Department under the terms of their lease.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9604-82

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a rent credit to the San Francisco Forty Niners not to exceed $325,000, to repair potholes, slurry seal, and restripe the parking lot at 3COM Park at Candlestick Point.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Farrow, Immendorf, Moylan, Quaranta
Absent:: Commissioners McArdle-Solomon, Rovetti

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

Note for the Record: No public comment was received.

16. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Note for the Record: The President did not submit a report.

17. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

•Commissioner Quaranta asked that a report be submitted on the deYoung Museum at next month's meeting.

•Commissioner Brattesani urged his fellow commissioners to donate items to the recreation centers. **General Manager, Mary E. Burns,** said the Superintendent of Recreation is developing a "wish list" of items that are needed for the recreation centers so that the Department does not receive unwanted items.

•President Immendorf asked for a status report on the malfunctioning Dutch Windmill. Senator Kopp has made an inquiry regarding the Dutch Windmill and why the blades to the windmill remain still. He understood that certain parts have to be handmade. **Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold,** said the Structural Maintenance Division has further investigated the situation and made several inquiries. The feedback is that the hydraulic system needs to be redesigned and the couplings need to be enlarged and replaced. Currently, the blades are run on a very limited basis so that the parts do not rust. The cost of parts alone is $20,000 to $25,000.

18. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Committee reports were submitted for the record:

•Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of March 6, 1996
•Parks and Planning and Golf Committee Meeting of March 26, 1996
•Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of April 4, 1996

19. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Moylan, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to former Recreation and Park commissioner Keith Eickman, who recently suffered a back injury.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to the Department's Claim Investigator, Betty Lim, who is ill.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to former Recreation and Park commissioner Amy Meyer, who was recently hospitalized for a disc injury.

On motion of Commissioner Quaranta, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti, who is in the hospital.

There being no further business, the 714th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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ACTION CALENDAR
715th REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY MAY 16 , 1996 - 2:00 P.M.

McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park (Fell and Stanyan Streets)

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
Jack Immendorf, President
John J. Moylan, Vice President
Dr. Steven J. Brattesani
Bella Farrow
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Angelo Quaranta
Vincent J. Rovetti
Shauna Marie Rose, Commission Secretary

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
Mary E. Burns, General Manager
Phil W. Arnold, Assistant General Manager
Ron de Leon, Superintendent of Parks
Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation

Recreation and Park Commission
Standing Committees

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, Chair
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner John J. Moylan
(1st Thursday, 3:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge)

PARKS AND PLANNING AND GOLF COMMITTEE
Commissioner John J. Moylan, Chair
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Commissioner Bella Farrow
(4th Tuesday, 3:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge)

JOINT ZOO COMMITTEE
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti, Chair
Commissioner Angelo Quaranta
Commissioner Dr. Steven J. Brattesani
(1st Wednesday, 4:30 p.m., at the Zoo)

RECREATION SERVICES COMMITTEE
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon, Chair
Commissioner Dr. Steven J. Brattesani
Commissioner Bella Farrow
(2nd Tuesday, 4:00 p.m., various recreation centers)

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1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner John J. Moylan, Vice President
Commissioner Steven J. Brattesani
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Commissioner Angelo Quaranta
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

A. Employee Recognition
B. Operation Park
C. Budget
D. Recreation Division Staff Restructuring
E. Public Service Work and Workfare Programs
F. Ocean View Recreation Center
G. Lead Abatement
H. Volunteer Activities
I. Irrigation Projects
J. Mission Dolores MultiPurpose Field
K. Glen Park
L. Zoo News
M. Urban Forestry
N. Strybing Arboretum Society Plant Sale
O. Report o the Community
P. Dates to Remember

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow. seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolutions were adopted:

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS **RES. NO. 9605-085**

Ratification of actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period April 2, 1996 through May 1, 1996.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES **RES. NO. 9605-086**

- Regular Meeting of April 18, 1996
- Special Joint Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission held on April 24, 1996
- Special Meeting May 2, 1996

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY **RES. NO. 9605-087**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS
Ratification of the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

DONATION FROM:	PURCHASED FROM:
Cathy Springer	Sedgewick Zoo, USDA #48-C-005
139 Belhaven	5555 Zoo Boulevard
Los Gatos, CA 95032	Wichita, KS 67212
One (1) unknown sex Brandt's Goose	One (1) male and Two (2) Female Plumed Ducks, valued at $300

D. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS **RES. NO. 9605-088**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET
Approval of the 1996-1997 capital improvement budget for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

E. GOLDEN GATE PARK **RES. NO. 9605-089**
McLAREN PARK AND GILMAN PLAYGROUND
RESTROOM IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
Approval of various restroom improvement projects in Golden Gate Park, McLaren Park and Gilman Playground.

F. CHINATOWN PLAYGROUND **RES. NO. 9605-090**
HANG AH ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS
AWARD OF CONTRACT
Approval of Award of Contract to Esquivil Grading & Paving, Inc. in the amount of $105,400 for the conceptual plan for Hang Ah Alley improvements.

G. GREAT HIGHWAY **RES. NO. 9605-091**
ROAD CLOSURES
SAN FRANCISCO TRIATHALON
Consideration of approval of road closures along the Great Highway from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, July 27, 1996, for the inaugural San Francisco Triathalon.

H. LAKE MERCED **RES. NO. 9605-092**
LAKE MERCED BOATHOUSE RESTAURANT & BAR
LEASE ASSIGNMENT
Approval of a lease assignment for the Lake Merced restaurant and bar from Desert Lake Development, Inc. to Chor Oong Lee and Kyong P. Lee, a California Sole Proprietor, dba Boathouse.

I. SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION **RES. NO. 9605-093**
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)
Approval of Supplemental Appropriation request in the amount of $80,000 for consultation services for preparation of FEMA applications.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

J. RECREATION DIVISION — RES. NO. 9605-094
ASSISTED RECREATION - VIP TANDEM BIKE RIDE IN NAPA VALLEY
OVERNIGHT TRIP
Approval of Assisted Recreation Division Tandem Bike Overnight Trip for 10 teenagers who are visually impaired/blind on May 17-18, 1996.

K. RECREATION DIVISION — RES. NO. 9605-095
TENDERLOIN CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND FISHING TRIP TO RED BLUFF, CA
OVERNIGHT TRIP
Approval to take 12 teens from the Tenderloin Children's Playground on an overnight fishing trip to Red Bluff on May 17-19, 1996. ***Note for the Record: The dates should be May 24-26, 1996.***

L. RECREATION DIVISION/ASSISTED RECREATION — RES. NO. 9605-096
SEA CAMP & ENVIRONMENTAL TRAVEL COMPANIONS AT ANGEL ISLAND
OVERNIGHT TRIP
Approval of sea kayaking overnight trip for 10-15 hearing impaired teenagers on Angel Island on June 6-7, 1996.

M. RECREATION DIVISION/ASSISTED RECREATION — RES. NO. 9605-097
CAMP MATHER TRIP FOR HEARING IMPAIRED TEENS
OVERNIGHT TRIP
Approval of Project Insight Summer Day Camp program trip to Camp Mather with 15 teenagers on June 18-22, 1996.

N. RECREATION DIVISION/ASSISTED RECREATION — RES. NO. 9605-098
ENVIRONMENTAL TRAVELING COMPANIONS YOUTH CHALLENGE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL
OVERNIGHT TRIP
Approval of Assisted Recreation Division overnight trip for approximately 5 hearing impaired teenagers to attend the E.T.C. Youth Challenge Leadership School, American River, Sacramento, California July 15-21, 1996.

O. RECREATION DIVISION — RES. NO. 9605-099
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES CAMP ACADEMY 1996 NATURE PRESERVE TRIP
OVERNIGHT TRIP
Approval of Camp Academy Program at Pepperwood Nature Preserve, Santa Rosa, CA, for nature studies and activities on July 16-18, 1996.

P. RECREATION DIVISION — RES. NO. 9605-100
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES CAMP ACADEMY PROGRAM AT BODEGA MARINE LABORATORY IN SONOMA COUNTY
OVERNIGHT TRIP
Approval of Camp Academy Program of marine life studies and activities for Latch Key program children, August 12-16, 1996.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

Q. RECREATION DIVISION **RES. NO. 9605-101**
ASSISTED RECREATION - CAESAR CHAVEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND TARLTON FOUNDATION COLLABORATION/CAMPING TRIP MONTEREY, CA
OVERNIGHT TRIP
Approval of overnight trip for 20 hearing impaired children to Monterey, CA, on July 18-19, 1996. ***Note for the Record: The dates should be July 25-26, 1996***

R. RECREATION DIVISION **RES. NO. 9605-102**
ASSISTED RECREATION - CAMP MATHER CAMPING TRIP
OVERNIGHT TRIP
Approval of camping trip to Camp Mather for 20 children from Argonne and Hayward Playgrounds, July 22-26, 1996.

S. RECREATION DIVISION
TRIP TO BODEGA MARINE LABORATORY
OVERNIGHT TRIP
Approval of trip for 12 children to Bodega Marine Laboratory in Sonoma County, August 14-16, 1996.

Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.

T. RECREATION DIVISION **RES. NO. 9605-103**
RANDALL MUSEUM - MOTHER EARTH ADVENTURE CAMP
OVERNIGHT TRIP
Approval of tent camping trip to Camp Mather for 20 youth, ages 9 to 12, from July 22-26, 1996.

U. RECREATION DIVISION/ASSISTED RECREATION **RES. NO. 9605-104**
CAMP MATHER TRIP FOR HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN
OVERNIGHT TRIP
Approval of overnight trip for 15 hearing impaired children to Camp Mather on August 13-17, 1996.

V. SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION **RES. NO. 9605-105**
Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to approve a settlement of litigation allowing for the acquisition of Hawk Hill for Open Space at a cost of 2.34 million. (Note: The Commission may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 54956. (a) of the California Government code to discuss potential litigation of this matter.)

W. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM **RES. NO. 9605-106**
Approval of the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of the Friends of Recreation and Parks in the amount of $6,986.40. (Note: The Commission may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 54956. (a) of the California Government code to discuss potential litigation of this matter.)

The Commission unanimously approved the Consent Calendar.

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. **BAYVIEW HILL**
ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR PUBLIC OPEN SPACE
Consideration of options for the acquisition of approximately 16 acres of unimproved land on the upper northeast slope of Bayview Hill for public open space.

Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.

5. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)
FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT
Approval of a 5-year Agreement with the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council for the operation of a recycling center in the Kezar Triangle area of Golden Gate Park.

Note for the Record: This item was removed from the Calendar.

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9605-107**
OPERATING BUDGET
Acceptance of the 1996-1997 operating budget for the San Francisco Zoological Society.

ACTION: Quaranta SECONDED: Farrow ACTION: Approved

The Commission unanimously approved the item.

7. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9605-108**
BOND PROPOSAL
Approval to submit a $35 Million bond proposal for Primate/Animal Exhibits, Education Facility and Zoo Improvements at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

ACTION: Farrow SECONDED: Rovetti ACTION: Approved

The Commission unanimously approved the item.

8. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA** **RES. NO. 9605-109**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT/MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND
LESBIAN, GAY BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER PRIDE CELEBRATION
Consideration of request of a two-day event and modification of the existing amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza on Saturday and Sunday, June 29 and 30, 1996, for the "San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Celebration."

ACTION: Moylan SECONDED: Quaranta ACTION: Approved

The Commission unanimously approved the item.

9. POLO FIELD - GOLDEN GATE PARK **RES. NO. 9605-110**
PERMIT & RESERVATION POLICY MODIFICATION
PERMIT FEE/ROAD CLOSURES
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

Consideration of the following request from Bill Graham Presents for a two day event at the Polo Field in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, June 15 and Sunday June 16, 1996:

a) To modify the Permit and Reservation Policy to allow for a two day event at the Polo Field in Golden Gate Park;
b) Approval of the permit fee;
c) Approval of road closures; and
d) Approval of multiple event

ACTION: Farrow SECONDED: Moylan ACTION: Approved

The Commission unanimously approved the item.

10. PERMIT & RESERVATION POLICY **RES. NO. 9605-111**
SIX MONTH REVIEW

Review of the Permit and Reservation Policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.03, Resolution No. 9511-199.

ACTION: Brattesani SECONDED: Farrow ACTION: Approved

The Commission unanimously approved the item.

11. MARGARET HAYWARD PLAYGROUND **RES. NO. 9605-112**
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
RELOCATION OF BASKETBALL COURTS

Approval of temporary relocation of basketball courts at Margaret Hayward Playground to allow construction of the City's new 911 Emergency Communications Center.

ACTION: Moylan SECONDED: Quaranta ACTION: Approved

The Commission unanimously approved the item.

11a. BIKE TO COLLEGE EVENT **RES. NO. 9605-113**
JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA
AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY

Consideration of the request to modify the amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza on Sunday, June 9, 1996 for the reception and ceremonies for the Bike to College Event, sponsored by the City and County of San Francisco and the City of San Jose.

ACTION: Brattesani SECONDED: Farrow ACTION: Approved

The Commission unanimously approved the item.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Emeric Kalman commended Shauna Rose, the Commission Secretary, on her public service to the City and Recreation and Park.

Patrick Mulligan discussed the renovation of the Polo Field, how long the renovation would last, and asked Recreation and Park to identify other soccer practices areas in the park

13. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Immendorf thanked the crew of the USS Carl Vinson who volunteered several days in cleaning Golden Gate Park from the December storms.

14. COMMISSIONER'S MATTERS

•Presentation of video on Children and Youth issues prepared by the League of California Cities, titled "The Cost of Denial".

•Presentation by the Friends of Recreation and Parks on the Golden Gate Park Conservancy.

Note for the Record: These items were not presented to the Commission.

Commissioner Brattesani distributed information reviewing the soccer fields in the City, and the need to provide more practice fields in the City, and the Department's web page.

15. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of April 3, 1996
- Parks and Planning and Golf Committee Meeting of April 23, 1996
- Special Meeting of the Recreation Services Committee Meeting of April 23, 1996
- Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of May 2, 1996
- Recreation Services Committee Meeting of May 14, 1996

16. ADJOURNMENT 4:20 P.M.

On motion of Commissioner Quaranta, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Eugene L. Friend, former President of the Recreation and Park Commission and current President of the Parking and Traffic Commission who is recovering from a heart bypass surgery.

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1996 - 1:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Tuesday, June 11, 1996 p.m. by President Jack Immendorf.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Jack Immendorf, Chairt

Steven J. Brattesani
John J. Moylan, Vice President

2. **1996 OLYMPIC TORCH CELEBRATION**
JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA
AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY

Consideration of the request to modify the amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza on Friday, May 3, 1996 in conjunction with the 1996 Olympic Torch celebration.

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo, explained that this is a request to modify the amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza for the 1996 Olympic Torch celebration. The current policy allows amplified sound on weekdays from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m. or for a maximum of two consecutive hours between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The promoter has requested amplified sound from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with sound checks at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Attendance is expected to be between 5 to 10,000 people.

Martha Cohen, representing the Mayor's Office, explained that there have been further modifications to the amplified sound request. She had already obtained the sound permits from the Police Department but outlined the revised request for amplified sound: From Noon to 1:00 p.m., with sound checks to be conducted at 11:45 a.m. Secondly, the amplified sound request will be from 5:00 p.m. to approximately 9:10 p.m. If the torch relay is running on time, the last torch bearer should enter the Plaza at 8:42 p.m., light the caldron, and then the song *America the Beautiful* will be played as the finale to the event. The Atlanta Committee for Olympic Games arrived yesterday with the final script for the event. She was working with the Committee to have the event completed by 9:00 p.m. Public transit has been increased for this event to accommodate the attendance.

The entertainment will have an international flavor with performers from the community and high school students The entertainment that is more lively will be scheduled early in the evening so as not to disturb the nearby residents.

2. **1996 OLYMPIC TORCH CELEBRATION**
JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA
AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY (Continued)

Eula Waters, a nearby resident of Justin Herman Plaza, displayed a photograph of Justin Herman Plaza and Ferry Park, and said that the only people who could complain are some of the residents or the hotel visitors. The balance of the area is office buildings. She said it was a public park and parks were intended to be used as forums. She did not know of another place where speeches could take place. She said that this type of event only comes every 4 years and that people need to be able to express their freedom of speech.

She further stated that she felt the park should not be watered in the day time hours so that the grass is not damp during the day. If the park is watered at night then it will be dry for the public and those who work in the area to use it during the day.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, seconded by Commissioner Brattesani, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9605-84

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request to modify the amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza on Friday, May 3, 1996 in conjunction with the 1996 Olympic Torch celebration as follows:

From Noon to 1:00 p.m. (sound checks to be conducted at 11:45 a.m.)
From 5:00 p.m. to approximately 9:10 p.m.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Brattesani, Immendorf, Moylan, Rovetti
Absent: Commissioners Farrow, McArdle-Solomon, Quaranta

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

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716th REGULAR MEETING

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RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
Mary E. Burns, General Manager
Phil W. Arnold, Assistant General Manager
Ron de Leon, Superintendent of Parks
Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation

Recreation and Park Commission
Standing Committees

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, Chair
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti
Commissioner John J. Moylan
(1st Thursday, 3:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge)

PARKS AND PLANNING AND GOLF COMMITTEE
Commissioner John J. Moylan, Chair
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Commissioner Bella Farrow
(4th Tuesday, 3:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge)

JOINT ZOO COMMITTEE
Commissioner Vincent J. Rovetti, Chair
Commissioner Angelo Quaranta
Commissioner Dr. Steven J. Brattesani
(1st Wednesday, 4:30 p.m., at the Zoo)

RECREATION SERVICES COMMITTEE
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon, Chair
Commissioner Dr. Steven J. Brattesani
Commissioner Bella Farrow
(2nd Tuesday, 4:00 p.m., various recreation centers)

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1. **ROLL CALL**

Present
Commissioner Jack Immendorf, President
Commissioner John J Moylan, Vice President
Commissioner Steven J. Brattesani
Commissioner Bella Farrow
Commissioner Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Commissioner Angelo Quaranta
Commissioner Vincent J Rovetti

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

A. Employee Recognition
B. Budget
C. Integrated Pest Management
D. Camp Mather
E. Zoo News
F. Lake Merced
G. Polo Field
H. Ocean View Recreation Center
I. Dates to Remember

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow seconded by Commissioner Brattesani the following resolutions were adopted.

A. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** **RES. NO. 9606-114**

Ratification of actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period May 1, through May 31, 1996.

B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RES. NO. 9606-115**

•Regular Meeting of May 16, 1996

C. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** **RES. NO. 9606-116**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

Ratification of the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572:

DONATION FROM:	PURCHASED FROM:
University of California-Davis	Jimmy Wheeler
Animal Communication Lab Davis, CA 95616	P.O. BOX 905 Greenwood, AR 72936
Three (3) males and two (2) females Northern Red Cardinal	One (1) male and one female Australian Shelduck valued at $500/pair
DONATION TO:	**SALE TO:**
University of Georgia	Santa Ana Zoo
413 Biological Sciences Bldg	1801 E. Chestnut Ave
Dept. of Entomology	Santa Ana, CA 92701
Athens, GA 30602-2603 Four(4) species of Walking Stick	One (1) male Emperor Tamarin valued at $150.00

D. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS** **RES. NO. 9606-117**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
ZOO WET WEATHER PUMP STATION CONTRACT APPROVAL
Approval of Award of the Construction Contract to A. Ruiz Construction Co. & Associates Inc. in the amount of $2,486,130 for the Wet Weather Lift Station to the lowest eligible bidder certified by the Human Rights Commission with a proposed cost not exceeding the engineer's estimate within the City Contracting requirements.

E. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS** **RES. NO. 9606-118**
Acceptance of the following gifts valued at $23,765.33 for the Recreation and Park Department:

a) From the Julian T./Grace L. Hightower Foundation, Inc. $5,000 for the Conservatory of Flowers.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: This item was removed from the Calendar.

b) From the Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club $4,020 for the Recreation and Park Department Swim Program.

(c) From Cigna HealthCare of California, Inc. $1,000 for the Recreation and Park Department Senior Programs.

(d) From Junior League of San Francisco, Inc. $1,600 for the North Beach Playground.

(e) From the San Francisco Croquet Club $2,500 for Stern Grove Maintenance.

(f) From the San Francisco Rose Society $1,000 for Rose Garden Maintenance

(g) From John Laskin $5,000 for maintenance of "Big Rec" Playing Field.

(h) From the Poly Athletic Association $1,000 for Kezar Equipment Fund.

(i) From the San Francisco Softball Advisory Committee a John Deere Diamond Pro (athletic field tractor), valued at $7,045.33 for the maintenance of softball diamonds

F. **PARK PRESIDIO BOULEVARD** **RES. NO. 9606-119**
APPROVAL OF MULTI-PURPOSE PATH
Approval of sidewalk widening at Fulton Street north sidewalk between Park Presidio Boulevard and Funston Avenue, for multi-purpose path.

G. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY
THIRD ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY WATERFRONT FESTIVAL
Consideration of a modification of the existing amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza on Thursday, July 4, 1996, for the Third Annual Fourth of July Waterfront Festival.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD Item 3(G)was removed from the consent calendar and considered as a separate item.

H. **MUSIC CONCOURSE-GOLDEN GATE PARK** **RES. NO. 9606-120**
ASIAN ART MUSEUM
INSTALLATION AND DISPLAY OF TIBETAN TENT
Approval of the installation and display of a Tibetan Tent from Monday, June 24 through Monday, July 15, 1996, outside of the entrance to the Asian Art Museum in Golden Gate Park.

K. **RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9606-121**
ASSISTED RECREATION PROGRAM
OVERNIGHT TRIP
Approval of an Assisted Recreation Division overnight trip for twenty youths who are visually impaired to the Brannan Island State Recreation Area in the Sacramento Delta with Sea Camp, July 17-18,1996.

L. **RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9606-122**
ASSISTED RECREATION PROGRAM
OVERNIGHT TRIP
Approval to take ten youths from the Presidio Heights Recreation Center on an overnight field trip into Point Reyes to hike (2.7 miles) to Sky Camp, August 22-23, 1996.

M. **RECREATION DIVISION** **RES. NO. 9606-123**
ASSISTED RECREATION PROGRAM
OVERNIGHT TRIP
Approval of a five day camping trip to Camp Mather for teenagers who are blind/visually impaired with Project Insight, June 25-29, 1996.

N. **ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARTICIPATION** **RES. NO. 9606-124**
NURSERY SCHOOL
LEASE EXTENSION
Approval of the second of four one-year options in the current lease for the Rocky Mountain Participation Nursery School at Potrero Playground, effective July 1, 1996.

O. **SAN FRANCISCO LEAGUE OF URBAN GARDENERS (SLUG)** **RES. NO. 9606-125**
COMMUNITY GARDENS PROGRAM
MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT
Approval of modification to the Community Garden contract with the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) in the amount of $149,500 for the implementation of the Community Gardens Program for Fiscal Year 1996-97

P. **GOLDEN GATE PARK MASTER PLAN** **RES. NO. 9606-126**
MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT
Approval of modification of contract to Royston Hanamoto Alley and Abey to increase the contract amount by $50,000 and extend the contract term through August 1997.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

Q. **GOLDEN GATE PARK, LINCOLN PARK AND SHARP PARK GOLF COURSES** — **RES. NO. 9606-127**
AWARD OF CONTRACT
Approval of award of contract for golf course irrigation improvements at Golden Gate Park, Lincoln Park and Sharp Park Golf Courses to Environmental Golf, Inc./Valley Landscape in the amount of $1,099,900.

R. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** — **RES. NO. 9606-128**
Approval of the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Claire Gharaglia in the amount of $1,000. (NOTE: The Commission may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 54956(a) of the California Government code to discuss potential litigation in this matter.)

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE CONSENT CALENDAR

GENERAL CALENDAR

1. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR** — **RES. NO. 9606-129**
MARINA SAND MINING
AWARD OF CONTRACT
Approval of plans and specifications for zero dollars to Olin Jones Sand Co. for removal of sand bars from Marina Yacht Harbor

ACTION: Farrow **SECONDED: Brattesani** **ACTION: Approved**

The Commission unanimously approved the item

1A. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA** — **RES. NO. 9606-130**
AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY
THIRD ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY WATERFRONT FESTIVAL
Consideration of a modification of the existing amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza on Thursday, July 4, 1996, for the Third Annual Fourth of July Waterfront Festival.

ACTION: Brattesani **SECONDED: Quaranta** **ACTION: Approved**

The Commission unanimously approved the item

2. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR** — **RES. NO. 9606-131**
DREDGING AT THE MARINA
AWARD OF CONTRACT
Approval of plans and specifications in the amount of $370,500 to Dutra Dredging Company for work at Marina Yacht Harbor.

ACTION: Moylan **SECONDED: Farrow** **ACTION: APPROVED**

The Commission unanimously approved the item

GENERAL CALENDAR (Continued)

3. **GLENRIDGE COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL** **RES. NO. 9606-132**
LEASE EXTENSION
Approval of a one-year extension of the lease for the Glenridge Cooperative Nursery School program at Silver Tree Day Camp in Glen Canyon, effective July 1, 1996.

ACTION: Brattesani SECONDED: Farrow ACTION: APPROVED

The Commission unanimously approved the item

4. **HAIGHT ASHBURY COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL** **RES. NO. 9606-133**
LEASE AMENDMENT
Approval of the First Amendment to the lease with the Haight Ashbury Cooperative Nursery School, adjusting the schedule for their operations in the Grattan clubhouse by eliminating their use on all Wednesdays and concluding their activities by 12:30 p.m. each day except for all legal school holidays, when activities shall conclude by 12:00 noon, effective July 1, 1996.

ACTION: Farrow SECONDED: Brattesani ACTION: Approved

The Commission unanimously approved item 4 as amended.

5. **HAIGHT ASHBURY COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL**
LEASE EXTENSION
Approval of the second of four one-year options in the current lease for the Haight Ashbury Cooperative Nursery School located at Grattan Playground, effective July 1, 1996.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: BECAUSE OF THE ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM 4, ITEM 5 WAS NOT VOTED UPON.

6. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** **RES. NO. 9606-134**
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (HANC)
FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT
Approval of a 5-year Agreement with the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council for the operation of a recycling center in the Kezar Triangle area of Golden Gate Park.

ACTION: Moylan SECONDED: Quaranta ACTION: Approved

The Commission unanimously approved the item.

GENERAL CALENDAR (Continued)

7. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** **RES. NO. 9606-135**
ROAD CLOSURE
SAN FRANCISCO CLASSIC HORSE SHOW
Ratification of Administrative Action to close Middle Drive West in Golden Gate Park for the San Francisco Classic Horse Show from Monday, June 10, through Sunday, June 23, 1996.

ACTION: Farrow **SECONDED: Brattesani** **ACTION: Approved**

The Commission unanimously approved the item.

8. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT'S**
REPORT ON THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
Discussion of Report on the Recreation and Park Department's Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

ACTION: REPORT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE

9. **RECREATION DIVISION**
PRESENTATION VIDEO - "THE COST OF DENIAL"
Presentation of video on children and youth issues prepared by the League of California Cities titled, "The Cost of Denial."

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: This item was not presented to the Commission.

10. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARKS
PRESENTATION ON GOLDEN GATE PARK CONSERVANCY
Presentation by the Friends of Recreation and Parks on the Golden Gate Park Conservancy.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: This item was not presented to the Commission.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Joan Girardot spoke on issues concerning the Marina Green area.

Emeric Kalman spoke on the Treasure Island Report.

12. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
Note for the Record: The President did not submit a report.

13. **COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**
Note for the Record: No matters were submitted.

14. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Committee reports were submitted for the record:

- Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of June 6, 1996
- Parks and Planning and Golf Committee Meeting of May 28, 1996
- Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of June 6, 1996

15. ADJOURNMENT 5:00 P.M.

On motion of Commissioner Farrow, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Daniel Healy, brother-in-law of Commissioner Moylan, who passed away recently.

On motion of Commissioner Solomon, the meeting was adjourned in memory of James Dunker, infant son of Freeland Dunker, Zoo Veterinarian, who recently passed away.

On motion of Commissioner Immendorf, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Betty Lim, Safety Officer for Recreation and Park, who recently passed away.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Vivian Bridges, daughter of Elvin Bridges, Gardener Supervisor, Section a Golden Gate Park, who recently passed away.

San Francisco, California
July 18, 1996

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

717th REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, July 18, 1996 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, July 18, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. by Vice President John Moylan.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: John J. Moylan
Steven J. Brattesani
Rev. Yvette Flunder
Eugene L. Friend
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Vincent J. Rovetti
Absent: Angelo Quaranta

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson, presented the following report:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, we are proud to recognize Frank Cassinelli, Assistant Recreation Supervisor. Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager, will make the presentation.

MAYOR'S RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT LIAISON Mayor Brown has appointed Bill Maher, former member of the Board of Supervisors, as liaison to the Recreation and Park Department. Mr. Maher will be with the department for at least six months.

3COM PARK OVERTIME AUDIT An article by Matier and Ross in the San Francisco Chronicle on July 15 concerned use of overtime at 3Com Park. While the Department remains concerned and vigilant at the large overtime costs which have been incurred at the stadium, some important facts were missed in the article.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

First, the Department requested the overtime audit by the Controller's Office; this was not a third-party discovery and expose. On August 4, 1994, the Department wrote to the Controller, asking for a review of the overtime expense at Candlestick Park and for a "performance audit on the use of overtime...to utilize staff more efficiently and to reduce our overtime expense." We asked that the review comprise an entire year to adequately reflect both football and baseball related costs. The baseball strike delayed the audit.

The report found no abuse of time records, dereliction of duty, any gross inefficiency or wasteful activity. The auditors were "unable to determine if the overtime worked at 3Com Park was necessary and reasonable." The cause is in part attributed to the lack of work standards set by this Department. Later, it is noted that the auditors "did not discover any applicable industry standards" for such work. In contacting similar stadiums to compare costs with 3Com, the auditors found "the survey results were inconclusive and could not be used to set standards for Recreation and Park." The variety and complexity of tasks simply do not lend themselves to a standard format.

The article and report noted that while 95 City personnel work at 3Com during the year, some $277,000 in overtime goes to a small group. It fails to differentiate that of the $277,000, some $220,000 plus is for field maintenance for the Giants--at the Giants request--and is wholly reimbursable to the Department. There were also some disputed billings in the article. These have been resolved.

The audit report did make some recommendations for refinements in scheduling that may result in cost savings. A plan for the first four field conversions this coming fall is now being prepared. The Controller's Office will review the proposed schedule to assist the Department in promoting efficient use of overtime.

GLEN CANYON PARK On July 16, a public hearing was held by the Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors "to consider the progress of the Recreation and Park Department in resolving the issue of traffic management in Glen Canyon Park."

Staff reported that the eight community meetings conducted by an independent facilitator (Moore, Iacofano & Goltsman) did not result in a consensus-based recommendation on circulation and access issues in Glen Canyon Park from the community representatives. The working group representing park users, community groups and other interested persons could only agree on four minor points related to a pedestrian trail or connection, posting park rules at major entrances, improving a drop-off near Sussex for three to five cars and some improvements to an adjacent public street (Bosworth Street).

Staff also presented a proposal to restrict most cars to the area of the park near the recreation center, using mostly existing access roads and parking areas to accommodate seniors attending programs, persons with disabilities and parents dropping off children attending Silver Tree Day Camp. Children with special needs attending camp would be driven directly to the Silver Tree building. In addition, parents bringing very young children to the Glenridge Nursery Co-op would be permitted to drive to the Silver Tree building.

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

Although this hearing did not result in an action item, the members of the Rules Committee stated their intention to draft a resolution on this matter for the review and approval of the full Board. The resolution would include access for seniors, persons with disabilities and Glenridge parents. Supervisor Shelley would like to explore the possibility of leasing the parking lot at St. John's School (two blocks from the Elk Street entrance) as a staging area and purchasing vans to transport Silver Tree campers to the recreation center area. All members of the Rules Committee stated they were concerned about the lack of enforcement of the leash law at Glen Canyon Park. In addition, they unanimously agreed that Silver Tree Day Camp should remain in its current location.

DOLORES PARK SOCCER FIELD On July 6, construction (heavy equipment work) of the soccer field was completed and maintenance (watering, etc.) begun. The field will be ready for limited activity for youth 12 years and under only on August 24. Field condition will dictate use restrictions.

POLO FIELD RENOVATION Track removal as well as irrigation repair and installation have been completed. Sodding, reseeding and fertilizing began July 16 and will continue through July 26. The field will be ready for limited play for youth 12 years and under only on September 14. Field condition will dictate use restrictions.

INDIA BASIN SHORELINE PARK Phase 1 of India Basin Shoreline Park, located in the Bayview-Hunters Point District, is near completion and will be open to the public by September 1996. This new open space is part of a shoreline revitalization effort in the southeast area of San Francisco. Phase 1 consists of wetlands restoration, meandering pathways, picnic tables and a parking area. Phase 2 is awaiting funding for other community amenities, such as a basketball half-court, group picnic areas and additional pathways and vehicular parking. The Recreation and Park Department anticipates a grand opening celebration to be coordinated with interested community groups.

CHINATOWN NEW PARK Construction has begun on the Chinatown New Park building at Powell and Jackson Streets. Ten percent of the work is completed, which includes the underpinning of the adjacent buildings. It is expected that this essential activity will be completed by the end of August. At that time, there will be a major groundbreaking ceremony to initiate the actual construction of the building. Commissioners will be invited to attend this long-awaited event.

ZOO NEWS

Attendance for the fiscal year ending June 30 was 822,917. This is a 12.54% increase over the previous year and 2.23% above the projected figure.

Chester, the male giraffe, died on July 10 due to a broken hip. He had been undergoing intensive treatment for foot problems and was showing marked improvement for that problem.

Night Tour '96, the annual behind-the-scenes tour for Zoo members, is underway. Attendance for the first night, July 12, was 6,900. The remaining two evenings of Night Tour are July 18 and 19.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARKS ANNUAL FIELD DAY On Thursday, August 1, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Friends of Recreation and Parks, the Recreation and Park Department and NIKETOWN will co-sponsor "Golden Gate Park Summer Games" in Sharon Meadow. This event will feature fun, games and prizes for children 5 to 12 years of age. Mark your calendars to come out for this exciting event.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, July 18, 1996 Friday, July 19, 1996	Night Tour '96; 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Zoo
Monday, July 22, 1996	Faberge in America Exhibit; 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; de Young Museum, Golden Gate Park
Tuesday, July 23, 1996	Parks and Planning and Golf Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Thursday, August 1, 1996	Friends of Recreation and Parks Annual Field Day; 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park
Thursday, August 1, 1996	Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Thursday, August 15, 1996 Friday, August 16, 1996 Saturday, August 17, 1996	Young People's Teen Musical Theater: "Hot and Cole," a tribute to Cole Porter; 8:00 p.m.; Randall Museum Theater
Sunday, August 16, 1996	Young People's Teen Musical Theater: "Hot and Cole," a tribute to Cole Porter; 8:00 p.m.; Randall Museum Theater

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR WERE CONSIDERED AS SEPARATE ITEMS.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR** **(Continued)**

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

◆Regular Meeting of June 20, 1996

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following minutes: Regular Meeting of June 20, 1996.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani, seconded by Commissioner Solomon, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9607-136

B. **RECREATION AND PARK**
PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the personal services contract for transitional services between the outgoing administrator and a new administration through consulting services.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani, seconded by Commissioner Solomon, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9607-137

C. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution N0. 13572.

DONATION FROM:
Wildlife Care Center
1560 N. Ontre Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
Two unsexed Virginia Opossum

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani, seconded by Commissioner Solomon, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9607-138

D. **JOHN MCLAREN PARK**
WESTERN PORTION OF SHELLEY DRIVE CLOSURE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of closure of the western portion of Shelley Drive in John McLaren Park.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani, seconded by Commissioner Solomon, the following resolution was adopted

RES. NO. 9607-139

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEMS

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
JAPANESE TEA GARDEN
DISABLED ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS
Approval of disabled access improvements at the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park.

Park Planner Deborah Learner stated that this item was reviewed at the Parks and Planning and Golf Committee and was forwarded to the full Commission with a recommendation for approval. She explained that the goal is to retain the character of the Japanese Tea Garden while making subtle and slight changes that will assure disabled access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Ms. Learner then reviewed the proposed disabled access improvements.

Ms. Learner then responded to the Commissioners concerns and questions. Items to be reviewed and finalized: barriers, railings, concerns about the width of the pathways- should they be larger than 36 inches, signage, restrooms-green issues and maintenance.

In response to Commissioner Rovetti's question, Deborah states that each item has been labeled and the cost is $377,000 the major expense are the small restroom structures. Individually the entry walk is approximately $38,000, the bridge $42,000, the tea house entry $16,000, granite bridges $25,000, Maple Lane is $30,000, Longview Bridge is $24,000, the gift shop $22,000 and the restrooms are $180,000. Even a regular restroom is about $8,000 for today's restroom structures in a park setting.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani and seconded by Commissioner Solomon the following resolution was adopted.

RES. NO. 9607-140

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the disabled access improvements at the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

5. **ALIOTO MINI PARK**
PROHIBITION OF DOGS
Consideration of approval of prohibition of dogs at Alioto Mini Park.

Assistant Superintendent of Parks Mike Morlin states this came as request by the community. The park is located at 20th Capp Streets - Alioto Mini Park is 50 x 90 feet just under 5,000 square feet it is a very small park. It has been renovated to include a very nice community garden and children's play area. The request from the community is to prohibit dogs from using the park. After making an inspection of the park and having a good look at the park as well as discussing it with the community garden coordinator. It is staff's recommendation to post signs at this park prohibiting dogs.

5. ALIOTO MINI PARK
PROHIBITION OF DOGS (CONTINUED)

This item was approved at Parks and Planning and was placed on the general calendar at the request of the SPCA.

Commissioner Solomon asks if the SPCA were supportive of this. Mr. Morlin's response I don't know. The SPCA is not present at this meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani seconded by Commissioner Solomon the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9607-141

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves staff's recommendation to post signs prohibiting dogs at Alioto Mini Park.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

6. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY
PROFESSIONAL BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Consideration of approval of three-day event on Friday, September 27, through Sunday, September 29, 1996, with a modification of the existing amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza for the Women's Professional Volleyball Association's World Class Professional Beach Volleyball Tournament

Linda Woo states that this is a request for a three day event as well as a modification of the existing amplified sound policy at for the event. They plan to start setting up on Wednesday of that week. One sand volleyball court will be constructed on the hard scape. Request for amplified sound is for Friday, September 27 from 3-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and on Sunday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The current existing policy allows for sound on weekdays from noon - 1:30 p.m. or two hours between 5 and 9 p.m. On weekends maximum of 2 hours between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

There were some concerns from the Golden Gateway Center regarding the sound the promoters have spoken with Golden Gateway and a compromise has been reached. That anything before noon on Saturday and Sunday would mainly be play by play. The request for amplified sound for play by play and recorded music to be played during time outs and 15 minutes between game time. Ms. Woo indicates that there is a $15,000 dollar service fee for this event. It will be televised on prime network.

6. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND POLICY
PROFESSIONAL BEACH VOLLEYBALL (Continued)

Commissioner Brattesani states the $15,000 service fee is for the use of the facility and they are not compensating us for the televised situation.. Why can't we as a park system that needs the money implement a policy where we can receive some compensation.

Acting General Manager Joel Robinson states we do not have a policy and it is purely negotiations at this point. This is something we need to look at and bring to the Commission, it would be much easier for staff if we did have a policy in place. Having a policy would make it easier for future televised events.

Commissioner Solomon asks has the permit already been issued. Linda Woo indicates it has not. This request is for the use of the facility and modification of amplified sound policy. Are these the same people we have been doing volleyball games with and are they going to promise do all the things we have problems with such as landscaping, clean up.

Acting General Manager Joel Robinson states we probably are not getting what we should get with this event and that the $15,000 for three days is for the use of the facility, we have a bond for clean up.

Commissioner Rovetti states that $15,000 is nothing considering the amount of compensation we should receive from a televised event.

Commissioner Solomon inquires as to what the standard service fee is. Mr. Robinson states that it is $750.00.

Commissioner Moylan suggests that we approve it with option that we try to negotiate better deal.

Commissioner Brattesani indicates that this might be very embarrassing. The policy needs to be changed for the future so that this kind of problem can be eliminated. Joel has already negotiated in good faith so we should accept this and work for a change in future.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani, seconded by Commissioner Rovetti the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9607-142

RESOLVED, that this Commission approves the three-day event on Friday, September 27, through Sunday, September 29, 1996, with a modification of the existing amplified sound policy at Justin Herman Plaza for the Women's Professional Volleyball Association's World Class Professional Beach Volleyball Tournament. A policy should be in place for future televised events so that the Recreation and Park Department can receive appropriate compensation.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

7. PUBLIC COMMENT
John Alaskan spoke on item "b" of the consent calendar.

Scott Golde spoke about the fields at Crocker Amazon Park.

Andrew Solow spoke about soccer field maintenance and gophers at Crocker Amazon Park.

Cary Jones spoke about gophers at Crocker Amazon, soccer field maintenance, the polo field.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
NOTE FOR THE RECORD: THE PRESIDENT DID NOT SUBMIT A REPORT.

9. COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS
Commissioner Brattesani inquired about the possibility of a plaque at Stern Grove in memory of Rhoda Goldman.

10. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:
The following Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of July 3, 1996
Parks and Planning and Golf Committee Meeting of June 25, 1996

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Commissioner Moylan, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Kenneth Perry a gardener in Neighborhood Parks and Squares, who recently passed away.

There being no further business, the 717th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Griffin
Acting Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

San Francisco, California
August 15, 1996

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

718th REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, August 15, 1996 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, August 15, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. by Vice President John Moylan.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: John J. Moylan
Steven J. Brattesani
Rev. Yvette Flunder
Eugene L. Friend
Angelo Quaranta
Vincent J. Rovetti
Absent: Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson, presented the following report:
I would like to introduce Ernie Prindle. Mr. Prindle was the Department's Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property Management during the 1980's. He has received a warm welcome back to the Department from staff and managers. Please join me in welcoming Ernie.

CAMP MATHER EVACUATION

At approximately 5:15 p.m., on August 14, Camp Manager Al Behmer was given the order to evacuate Camp Mather by the National Park Service. All Camp staff and guests were prepared for the possibility of an evacuation, as lightning-sparked fires moved closer to camp with the closest fire moving to within 1/4 of a mile of the caretaker's cabin. A small crew of Camp Mather staff remains in camp working with and assisting firefighters with the task at hand. All other camp staff have moved down to Oakdale and are staying at a ranch awaiting the possibility of a notice to return to Camp Mather.

As of 9:00 a.m. today, all fires around Camp Mather were out or under control. The largest fire, a 200-acre fire burning out of control in Ackerson Meadow towards Asten Valley, remains the greatest concern at this time. By this evening or at the latest tomorrow evening, Camp Mather's Coyote Meadow will be the base camp for approximately 500 firefighters who are fighting these fires. Additionally, the Tuolumne County Fire Department is staged in camp to protect all of the structures.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

The Camp Mather Reservation Desk is currently calling all guests who are scheduled to go to Camp Mather next week to inform them of the situation. They have been asked to call back for a status report before leaving for camp. Appropriate refunds will be made following the emergency situation.

GRANT APPLICATION

The Department has applied to the California State Department of Parks and Recreation for a $65,000 grant from the National Recreational Trails Act for renovation of trails on Strawberry Hill in Golden Gate Park.

CARROUSEL

The Carrousel, located in Children's Playground in Golden Gate Park, will close four hours early (2:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m.) on August 16 to allow0 set-up for the Friends of Recreation and Parks' annual "Opera at the Carrousel." Signs have been posted at the Carrousel to alert the public to the early closing.

UNION SQUARE

Park Division maintenance personnel began a landscape renovation in Union Square. Most of the old boxwood hedges in the interior of the park were removed. The areas will be resodded and beds of colorful perennials added. Twenty two ornamental benches will be installed. It is our hope that the new landscape and benches will beautify the Square and make it more inviting for visitors and residents to enjoy sitting on the lawns, eating their lunches or just relaxing. Scheduled completion of the renovation is mid-September.

HARDING PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

The pedestrian bridge replacement project at Harding Park has recently been completed. The former bridge had been damaged in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake and was temporarily replaced with a small foot bridge. The new permanent bridgeway is disabled accessible and surrounded with predominantly native plant species. The new bridge is already being well-used by the public. This project was funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

49ER FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICES

At the last Finance and Administration Committee meeting, it was reported that the Department had received a request from the 49ers to increase food and beverage prices for the 1996 football season. Subsequent to this report, the City Attorney's Office advised--based upon a review of the 49er lease--that the Commission does not have approval authority over food and beverage prices.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

The following claims, under $5,000, were settled by the City Attorney's Office during the months of March, April, May and June 1996:

March	Otis, Lumont	$1,500.00	Linetsky, Semyon	$5,000.00
	Pike, Richard	207.32	Miller, Marlene	4,800.00
	Huynh, Hien Thi	308.78	Chua, Elizabeth (Chua, Sam)	4,905.56
	Jay, Howard	526.07	UCSF (Johnson, Claire Rose)	849.00
	Prince, Marjorie	281.77	UCSF (Senderovich Leonid)	2,212.00
	Longmore, Paul K.	629.08	Wan, William K.	642.02
	Sowers, Philip	734.30	Del Grosso, Angela	35.95
	Wong, Michael	1,287.17	Vucinich, Elizabeth (minor)	477.00
	Cruz, Phronsa Kay	1,004.52	Diodati, Angie	428.59
	Perez, Dennis F.	726.44	Faber, Richard A.	825.00

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

Ko, Paul	712.62	Shiu, King Yeung	814.24
Endes, Dora	4,086.96	Shykofsky, Andrew	2,500.00

April

Hiller, Rosemary	$1,109.61	Burton, Christopher S.	1,000.00
Williams, Megan	480.02	Louie, Mikkel (minor)	181.80
Jackson, Deborah	1,542.90		

May

Ram, Margarita	518.74	Khachadourian, Vick/minor)	3,740.55
Sandoval, Tom	497.90	Lo, Stacey (minor)	1,204.00

June

Sweetnam, Annie	$ 128.99	Howland, Gladys	68.68
Benson, Helmer	913.63	Tuccori, Lorenzo	60.00
MVM Claim Service	2,280.79	Fife, David	300.00
Goldberg, Lauren	304.13	Chu, Carmen L.	100.00
Hallstead, Diana	108.50	Hernandez, Gloria	13.40
Del Barrio, Ricardo	202.56	Rius, Ramon R.	201.92
Navarro, Carla G.	595.80	Cohn, Mischa A.	175.00
Bartels, Susan C.	85.00	Szentesi, George	67.84
Louraine, Joel	212.15		

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, August 16, 1996	Opera at the Carrousel; 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Carrousel, Golden Gate Park
Tuesday, August 27, 1996	Parks and Planning and Golf Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Monday, September 2, 1996	Labor Day Holiday

DATES TO REMEMBER **(Continued)**

Wednesday, September 4, 1996
Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Zoo

Thursday, September 5, 1996 Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge

Sunday, September 8, 1996 Opera in the Park; 1:30 p.m.; Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park

Tuesday, September 10, 1996 Recreation Services Committee; 4:00 p.m.; (location to be announced)

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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On motion of Commissioner Friend seconded by Commissioner Brattesani, the following resolutions were adopted:

A. **PERSONNEL MATTERS** **RES. NO. 9608-143**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period June 1 through June 30, 1996, and July 1 through July 31, 1996.

B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **RES. NO. 9608-144**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following minutes:
Regular Meeting of July 18, 1996

C. **PANHANDLE/GOLDEN GATE PARK** **RES. NO. 9608-145**
"KIDS KINGDOM" INSTALLATION
ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT IN PLACE

RESOLVED, That this Commisson approves of acceptance of gift in place of a new playground in the Panhandle, Golden Gate Park, in the amount of approximately $40,000 from Lucas Dealership Group, Saturn of San Francisco and Saturn of Burlingame.

D. **UNION SQUARE** **RES. NO. 9608-146**
NO SIGNIFICANT SHADOW FINDING

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of finding of no significant shadow impact on Union Square by proposed project at 140 Geary Street.

E. **MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK** **RES. NO. 9608-147**
GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of Mountain Lake Park Conceptual Improvement Plan and Memorandum of Understanding with Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

F. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** **RES. NO. 9608-148**
GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves consideration of revision to the capital improvements projects timeline for the existing Golden Gate Park Stables lease.

G. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** **RES. NO.9608-149**
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves consideration of the proposed settlement of the unlitigated claim of Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) regarding disabled access at 3COM Park in the amount of $115,233.

H. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM** **RES. NO. 9608-150**
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves consideration of the proposed settlement of the unlitigated claim with the San Francisco Giants in the amount of $349,251.10 for attorney fees.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. **SAN FRANCISCO MARINA SMALL CRAFT HARBOR**
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS
GRANT REQUEST

Approval of $45,000 grant request from California Department of Boating and Waterways for sanitation equipment at San Francisco Marina Small Craft Harbor.

Associate Harbor Master, Charles Koller stated the San Francisco Marina applied for grant in the amount of $45,000 from the California Department of Boating and Waterways. The San Francisco Marina currently has one Pump-A-Head Station which is located in the East Basin and it does not adequately meet the needs of this Marina. This grant will provide funds to replace the existing unit, rehabilitate the West Basin pumpout station and install two additional units in the West Basin. It will also provide funds for two dump stations and the replacement of the sewer line that services the West Basin location. When installed the San Francisco Marina will provide 24-hour free use of this equipment to our tenants and vessels visiting the Marina.
On motion of Commissioner Friend, seconded by Commissioner Brattesani, the following resolution was adopted:

4. **SAN FRANCISCO MARINA SMALL CRAFT HARBOR (Continued)**
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS
GRANT REQUEST

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the $45,000 grant request from the California Department of Boating and Waterways for sanitation equipment at the San Francisco Marina.

RES. NO. 9608-151

On motion of Commissioner Friend, seconded by Commissioner Brattesani, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

5. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
"POLO IN THE PARK" EVENT
DISCUSSION

Discussion of proposed "Polo in the Park" event in Golden Gate Park scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 1996.

Assistant Superintendent of Urban Forestry, Golf, Turf Mgmt., & GGP, James Cooney stated this item was reviewed at the Parks, Planning and Golf Committee Meeting and was referred to the full Commission without action **it is still not an action item**. The polo field is being renovated and is still under renovation. The renovation project is not complete and did not go quite as well as we had hoped, there is going to have to be some regrading done now and in the near future, this will result again in differential surface. Some parts will be soft well into the rainy season. It was staff's position at the time of the committee meeting, and it still is staff's position that it is unsafe to have an equestrian event there through this year.

David Brown, California Youth Soccer and San Francisco Polo Club stated that a proposal was made to Ron de Leon on behalf of the San Francisco Polo Club and the soccer community to purchase all of the seed and fertilizer for one year for the polo field. In addition we would work with them if they needed extra equipment, not to have any involvement with the unions but in addition and to keep the field maintained.

Ron de Leon, Superintendent of Parks responds that this is a very generous proposal and staff is putting together a maintenance plan and will be in contact with Mr. Brown to take him up on his offer.

Commissioner Friend inquires about the dollar amount and if Mr. Brown is for or against the polo event at this time.

Mr. Brown responds to Commissioner Friend's questions, he states that this would mean better playing conditions for the soccer and rugby community. We are very positive about this and we just want to make sure that we do everything possible to make sure the field is in the best playing condition. By October 19, 1996 if the field was not in playable condition we would work together, I don't think there would be any problem.

5. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** **(Continued)**
"POLO IN THE PARK" EVENT
DISCUSSION

Commissioner Brattesani refers to a letter from the Mission Soccer League and the California Youth Soccer Association stating that they are in support of this event just as you are taking place on October 19.

Commissioner Rovetti asked, if we do allow this event to take place, are you willing to spend $100,000 to $200,000 to repair it. It has been only a few months since the field has been seeded and the ground is very soft if you put horses or soccer players on there it will do considerable damage to the field.

Mr. Brown indicates he has spoken with Mr. de Leon and told him that if they will go in and regrade and tear the whole thing out we will purchase the seed and reseed.

Commissioner Moylan asks when soccer season opens.

Mr. Brown responds to Commissioner Moylan's question. Soccer season opens September 28.

Commissioner Brattesani states that the polo field is designed for polo activity. Can we ask staff what the ramifications of having a polo events in the past and what happened after the events. Did it damage the field and create a disaster. We are going to have to regrade, so why not do this after this event so that we can make sure that we do not have to do things a second time.

Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson responds that over the past several years we have not had a very good polo field to judge that by. That although the last equestrian event held at the polo field was not a polo event it left the field unusable.

Commissioner Brattesani states the last event was designed for show and causes a different type of damage. Polo is a very fast acting event and over the entire field. The people that are going to play soccer on it seem to think that is okay even though our staff says it may be dangerous, are they willing to concede to helping us work this out or should we just say no polo event in the polo fields.

Commissioner Flunder asks what shape the field is in right now. Would this field be ready for an equestrian polo game by the middle of October. The alternatives would be to use another field if this one is not going to be ready by mid October or accept a proposal to put in back in the condition it should be in if it gets damaged during this event.

Assistant Superintendent of Urban Forestry, Golf, Turf Mgmt. & GGP, James Cooney indicates that the renovation is almost complete. Part of it has been resodded and part reseeded, the ground it quite soft especially in the seeded areas. There is still some major regrading that has to be done which will extend the period of time that you will have very soft areas, it not usable right now. If the initial renovation job was over, done and finished perhaps this would have been possible.

5. GOLDEN GATE PARK (Continued)
"POLO IN THE PARK" EVENT
DISCUSSION

Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson states the concern that staff has is that if the polo event is allowed it will have some impact to the field and until that is repaired, and the field is brought back to a playable condition for soccer the field would not be usable. This would have an affect on soccer, rugby and other uses of the field, which is what we are trying to prevent. We have offered an alternative site for the event (Speedway Meadow) which has been rejected because it is not large enough.

Commissioner Friend inquires as to the how much of the area is rooted into the dirt.

Assistant Superintendent of Parks, James Cooney responds that approximately 1/7 of the field was sodded and the rest was seeded so around 750,000 sq. ft. The 1/7 portion of the field that is ready for heavier activity is not confined to one area.

Commissioner Rovetti states that the grass should be allowed to grow strong naturally and take hold, if the process is rushed it will delay the use of the field for other people.

The following individuals from the James Brady Therapeutic Riding Program were in favor of using the polo field:

Melba and Hugh Meakin; Charles Birkner; R. Birkner; Nyri Scanlon; Margaret Damir; David Chiltendon; Heather Jewell; Liz Heidhughes; Eve Iverson; Carole Kealy..

Harry Tanaka with Polo "96", states that currently I have a miniature horse handicapped therapy program in Japan which includes all types of disabilities. Ages range from 3 to 75 years. I donate my own time as well as the special made carriages and horses for the Brady program.

Carey Jones, California Youth Soccer Association stated with proper care, maintenance and their assistance it can be restored so that all can use it. The soccer community has their annual events, that consideration should be given to the soccer community in scheduling.

Chris Duderstadt, Youth Soccer Program distributes photos and states that he has been involved with restoration of the polo field since its inception. There have been numerous discussions about regrading, types of grass, sodding and watering. We need to come to grips with the maintenance of the fields.

Commissioner Flunder states that she does not feel adequate to make a decision that somehow weighs the necessity and viability of a program against the long term life and viability of the field, primarily because I do not know the long term affects. Consequently, I would like to see staff make the decision and make that decision in concert with those persons connected to and interested in this particular event. It was never the intention of any of us to eliminate the event, the concern has to do with the readiness of the field.

5. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** **(Continued)**
"POLO IN THE PARK" EVENT
DISCUSSION

Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson states that staff will work with the promoters of the event, considering the condition of the field prior to their event we will evaluate what can and cannot be done on the field. We will try and come to some resolution with Mr. Brown and Ms. Meakin as to what type of event can occur, we will make our very best effort to allow the event to happen, but if it is not possible we will look at an alternative site. If that is not the solution then we will work further with them, but the point is well taken and staff will continue to meet with the promoter. We will do the very best we can to offer the polo field for an event that is appropriate for the polo field, considering the condition of the field at the time of the event.

Commissioner Moylan states that this is not an action item, we cannot hear any motion. ***This was a discussion only item. Is there a consensus.***

All Commissioners agree that there is a consensus.

Commissioner Flunder states that there is an anonymous individual that is in interested in making a private donation to the Brady organization in the event that whatever happens decreases their anticipated income. You need to know that the concern is there, the interest is there as well as the commitment.

That this Commission agrees that this was a discussion only item and *NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION.*

6. **UNION SQUARE**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT
"PINK UMBRELLAS A REMEMBRANCE" EVENT
Approval of two-day "Pink Umbrellas: A Remembrance" event at Union Square on Saturday and Sunday, October 26 and 27, 1996, for The Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA).

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo states that this is a first time request from The Design Industries Foundation Fighting Aids. "Pink Umbrellas" is an environmental art installation of 250, 6-foot wide bright pink canvas umbrellas which act as a testament to the fight against. Aids. It will take place on October 26 and 27, 1996 in Union Square, the umbrellas will be installed at sunrise and will be taken down at sunset.. The necessary requirements are met, and set up must be approved by the park division staff. It is open to the public and there is no charge.

Commissioner Rovetti inquires about the restroom facilities.

Ms. Woo states the promoter supplies the restroom facilities, there will be a clean up crew to monitor the square and clean up each day.

On motion of Commissioner Quaranta, seconded by Commissioner Flunder, the following resolution was adopted.

6. **UNION SQUARE**
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT
"PINK UMBRELLAS A REMEMBRANCE" EVENT

RES. NO 9608-152

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the two-day "Pink Umbrellas A Remembrance" event at Union Square on Saturday and Sunday, October 26 and 27, 1996, for The Design Industries Foundation Fighting Aids (DIFFA).

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

7. **3COM PARK**
SONY SCOREBOARD AGREEMENT
Consideration of Third Amendment to the Sony Scoreboard Agreement.

Assistant General Manager, Phil Arnold states the before you is the proposed Third Amendment with Sony Corporation. The Sony agreement brought the scoreboard to the stadium and has been amended on two occasions. The First Amendment was to increase the advertising permitted at the stadium, advertising is what funds the scoreboard and the additional revenue paid to this department, the Second Amendment was also for increased advertising as well as to upgrade the scoreboard which required some additional expense to be paid to Sony. The Third Amendment that is before you today is a clarification amendment by in large to the Second Amendment, there is several ambiguities in the Second Amendment that led to some very intense discussions between Sony and staff. Those discussions basically revolved around the issue of the expense of operating the scoreboard under the original agreement. Under the original agreement Sony paid for the operation of the scoreboard and then divided up the revenue between the City and Sony.

In the Second Amendment the language became somewhat ambiguous so that Sony could either take that money of the top or take it out of their 35% share. It is much more advantageous for us to take it out of their 35% share because it increases the total revenue pool. The Third Amendment would clarify the language so that the 300,000 that we receive comes out of their share not of the top of the revenue.

If the amendment section is approved, then the language in the Second Amendment will be clarified and there will be no question as to which moneys we receive. If it is not approved Sony could argue that they would take the $300,000 to support the scoreboard operation of the top of revenue and then split the remaining revenue 65% to the City and 35% to Sony.

There is a second item which had to do with the terms of the agreement. The Second Amendment specified that term of the agreement would be March 31, 2001. That was actually based on a mis-calculation of dollars to pay off the upgrade of the scoreboard. The dollars needed will actually be paid off in the year 2000. This clarification shortens the term of the agreement by one year, which is advantageous to the City because in the year 2001 the payment to Sony for the operation of the scoreboard will be over a million dollars and will not need to be made which means more money for the City.

7. **3COM PARK** **(Continued)**
SONY SCOREBOARD AGREEMENT
Consideration of Third Amendment to the Sony Scoreboard Agreement.

The next area of discussion dealt with the sales tax on the scoreboard upgrade and the equipment that was installed in the parking lot as signage and advertising. Under the original agreement with Sony Corporation, Sony was responsible for all sales tax. Under the First and Second Amendments the responsibility for the sales tax remains with Sony Corporation. This Third Amendment will split the sales tax obligation between the City and Sony for the scoreboard upgrade and for the parking lot signage that was installed at the beginning of this season. That will cost the City about a $165,000 the offset being that we gain about $300,000 of operating money from Sony's share of the total revenue.

Finally, there is an incentive to Sony to increase advertising revenue that is written into the proposed amendment. This is referenced on schedule 2 which is the last page in your packet. It shows that the marketer of advertising representing the Sony Corporation would receive 5% sales commission for all revenue received up to $880,000 - 17.5% for all revenue received up to 2.2 million and 22% of all revenue received above 2.2 million dollars. The intent here is to provide an incentive to push marketing of the advertising at the stadium. This amendment would allow Sony to cover those expenses and 1 year payments. The items in the Third Amendment have been agreed to by Sony.

On motion of Commissioner Rovetti, Seconded by Commissioner Brattesani the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9608-153

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Third Amendment to the Sony Scoreboard Agreement.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

8. **3COM PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
FIELD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
Consideration of Field Maintenance Agreement with the San Francisco Giants for the 1996 Baseball Season.

Property Manager, Tom Hart states that this item was brought before the Finance and Administration Committee, with the recommendation to forward to the full Commission. At that time we had not met with the Giants to work out the details on the field maintenance agreement. In 1993 the Giants asked the Recreation and Park Department to begin maintaining the in-field baseball diamond as well as the outfield which we had been doing in the course of maintaining 3COM Park. Each year a cost estimate for the maintenance salaries and materials is presented to the Giants in compliance with the existing agreement. This year the agreement has not been signed and has not been brought before the Commission.

8. **3COM PARK (Continued)**
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
FIELD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

We had a meeting with the Giants a couple of weeks ago, in attendance was Joel Robinson, Ernie Prindle, myself and Jack Bair of the Giants who is in attendance here to discuss this agreement. At that time they were asked to look over the agreement making changes or additions and requests to us which I have received, we have not had time to work out the final details. The cost figures that we were discussing in this agreement will not change. I will make one change however, the figures that had been given at the time of writing this report on July 19, the $165,000 that I quoted here should be reduced by $7,000 because of $5,000 toward materials, supplies and $2,000 toward the purchase of equipment were actually included in that $154,000 figure which is listed in the agreement. The Department would receive approximately $158,000.

There are a couple of procedural details as far as the agreement is concerned but there will be no change in the dollar amount. We have also agreed to provide them a monthly accounting of the time and hours spent so that we can bill them appropriately on a monthly basis. The original agreement was set up for them to pay six payments and would give them one general accounting at the end of the term, this has proven to be unsatisfactory for their budget monitoring purposes. My plan is to bill everything that is due that is part of this agreement through the end of July as soon as possible, and then one final billing at the end of the baseball season. Staff would like you to be able to approve the concept of signing this agreement, the dollar figure will not change, there is a couple of minor procedural issues we need to work out with the Giants.

Jack Bair, San Francisco Giants states that he is here to answer any questions. The City has the obligation to do the outfield and the Giants under the lease have the obligation to to do the infield, we agree it makes sense to have one grounds crew kept the outfield and the infield together. Essentially, in the past agreement we paid the department's cost to do the infield, we have some issues that we are trying to work out but they are of relatively minor importance.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani, seconded by Commissoner Rovetti the following resolution was adopted.

RES. NO. 9608-154

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Field Maintenance Agreement with the San Francisco Giants for the 1996 Baseball Season.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

9. **RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION**
ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Election of President for remainder of calendar year 1996, in accordance with Resolution No. 11334.

Eugene Friend nominated Vincent Rovetti for President for remainder of calendar year 1996.

On motion of Commissioner Friend, seconded by Commissioner Brattesani the Commission unanimously elected Vincent Rovetti as President.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Albert Kurz spoke on issues concerning Mountain Lake Park.

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: The President did not submit a report.

12. COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Vice President Moylan announced that the following Commissioners Elizabeth Mc Ardle Solomon, Angelo Quaranta as well as himself would be on the selection committee to appoint a new Commission Secretary.

13. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The following Committee Reports were submitted for the record:

Parks and Planning and Golf Committee Meeting of July 23, 1996
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of August 1, 1996

14. ADJOURNMENT:

With best wishes for a speedy recovery to Louise Mc Ternan, music director for Young People's Teen Musical Theater for 11 years, who is currently recovering from surgery.

With best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jim Lucey, Assistant Superintendent of Parks, Structural Maintenance, who is currently recovering from surgery.

There being no further business, the 718th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Griffin
Acting Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up

San Francisco, California
September 19, 1996

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

719th REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1996 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, September 19,1996 at 2:00 p.m. by President Vincent Rovetti

1. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT
Vincent Rovetti
John Moylan
Steven Brattesani
Yvette Flunder
Eugene Friend - Arrived 2:30 p.m.
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon
Angelo Quaranta

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION - Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, we are proud to recognize Salvatore (Sam) Grech, Municipal Stadium Groundskeeper. James Cooney, Assistant Superintendent of Parks, will make the presentation.

COMMENDATION - RON DE LEON I would like to take this opportunity to commend Ron de Leon, Superintendent of Parks, and his staff for the outstanding job they did last month in dealing with the fire situation adjacent to Camp Mather. Ron and his staff were on site and worked long hours to ensure the safe and smooth evacuation of Camp Mather and the essential coordination with the various local, state and federal agencies managing the fires.

PRESENTATION - FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARKS The Friends of Recreation and Parks are commemorating their 25th anniversary this year. Donna Ernstson, Executive Director, will show a short video and give a brief informational presentation on the Friends' current activities.

STRAWBERRY MUSIC FESTIVAL Each year, Camp Mather is leased to the Strawberry Music Festival for events held during Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. This year, Labor Day activities had to be canceled due to the severe fires in the Yosemite area which threatened the very existence of Camp Mather. I am happy to report that the Strawberry Music Festival has been successful in rescheduling their four-day fall event for October 3-6.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Con't)

POLO FIELD - The existing surface has been treated with a non-selective herbicide to promote more uniform grading and to reduce competition when new turf is installed. Security fencing at the upper edge of the slope was begun yesterday. It will remain until the field is reopened for play in January, 1997. The grading contractor began Phase I (rip, disc, rototill: September 19-27). Phase II (rough cut, grade, final grade: approximately October 14-18) will follow immediately thereafter. While final grading continues under the contract, City staff will relocate and set the irrigation heads at grade (approximately October 14-18). Installation of the new sod will also begin during this period and continue throughout the month of October. The new field will root and adapt to the site for approximately 60 days before use.

GOLDEN GATE PARK CLEAN-UP - Over two years' accumulated storm debris can be found throughout the Park in the form of trees still standing, assorted individual trees and stumps or small piles of logs lying scattered here and there. The greatest bulk is in the log storage area just north of the Bison Paddock. It is estimated that approximately 6,000 tons of material are now accumulated and another 500 tons are nearby and can easily be transported to the site. The City Purchaser has issued a Request for Proposals to remove this debris. Interested bidders are invited to a pre-bid conference on site tomorrow. Bids are due in one week (September 27). A timetable has been set as a part of the bid documents to ensure that the area is cleared prior to the current year's anticipated stormy weather.

COMPLETION OF CAPITAL PROJECT - KEZAR STADIUM LIGHTING RENOVATION Repairs to the Kezar lighting system are now complete. The conduits for the east end of the facility have been replaced and now the perimeter walk jogging lights will function as intended. In addition, street lights have been placed along Arguello Boulevard South for improved safety at the Stadium's western entry. The total construction cost was $139,120.

ZOO NEWS The new Children's Zoo entry opened on September 4. The Mayor, who did questions and answers with San Francisco school children, as well as members of the Board of Supervisors and several Recreation and Park Commissioners attended the celebration.

The male Asian rhino, who had been deteriorating for some time, died on September 5. Zoo veterinary staff, University of California Davis veterinarians and consultants could not determine the problem. The cause of death is undetermined, and the Zoo is awaiting histology reports.

The female Asian rhino will be going to the San Diego Zoo in the next couple of weeks for breeding purposes.

Several new species of birds have been obtained for the Aviary.

Beautiful African Bateleur eagles, one male and one female, have come to the Zoo where the first successful captive breeding will be attempted.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Con't)

The cause of death of the female mute swan at Mouton Lake Park earlier this year was determined to be lead toxicosis. A blood sample was taken from Myrtle, the adult female whooper swan, and the lead level in her blood was considered to be in the toxic range. Myrtle will be evaluated further to determine if there is still lead in her system or any related illness.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, September 21, 1996 AIDS Memorial Grove Fifth Anniversary Work Day; 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; AIDS Memorial Grove, Golden Gate Park

Saturday, September 21, 1996 Soccer Field Dedication; 11:00 a.m.; Mission Dolores Park, Dolores Street between 18th & 19th Streets

Tuesday, September 24, 1996 Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge

Friday, September 27, 1996 Randall Museum Society Fall Reception; 5:00-7:30 p.m.; Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way

Saturday, September 28, 1996 Open Space Bus Tour; 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; meet at McLaren Lodge

Wednesday, October 2, 1996 Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. tour, 5:00 p.m. meeting; Zoo

Thursday, October 3, 1996 Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge

Wednesday, October 9, 1996 Chinatown New Park Groundbreaking for Recreation Building; 12:00 noon; Powell Street & Jon Alley

Monday, October 14, 1996 Columbus Day Holiday

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MOYLAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROVETTI, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED:

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS RES. NO. 9609-155

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES RES. NO. 9609-156

•RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following minutes:
Regular Meeting of August 15, 1996.

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY RES. NO. 9609-157
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution NO. 13572.

PURCHASED FROM

Penguin International	1 male + 1 female silver beaked
P.O. BOX 12345	tanager
Miami, Florida	1 female red-legged honeycreeper
	purchase $375
Chaffee Zoo	1 male troupial + 1 male violaceous
894 W. Belmont Ave.	euphonia
Fresno, CA 93728-2891	purchase $325
	USDA #93-C-004
San Antonio Zoo	1 male + 1 female sun conure
3903 North St. Mary's St.	purchase $200
San Antonio, TX 78212-3199	USDA #74-C-080
Los Angeles Zoo	1 male Masai giraffe
5333 Zoo Drive	purchase $8,000
Los Angeles, CA 90027	USDA #93-C-043
Los Angeles Zoo	1 male Baird's tapir
5333 Zoo Drive	purchase $500
Los Angeles, CA 90027	USDA #93-C-043
Penguin International	1 female blue-gray tanager PO
PO Box 12345	1 male + 1 female turquoise tanger
Miami, FL 33101	1 female violaceous euphonia
	purchase $575/group

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY (CON'T) RES. NO. 9609-157

ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution NO. 13572.

DONATION FROM

Marine Humane Society	1 unknown sex boa constrictor
171 Bel Marin Keys	Donation
Novato, Ca 94949	
Richard Duran	1 unknown sex boa constrictor
219 Lily	Donation
San Francisco, CA 94102	
University of Massachusetts	Colony of mantids
100 Morissey Blvd.	Donation
Boston, MA 02125	
Work as Play	Colony of American cockroaches
P.O. BOX 485	Donation
Portal, AZ 85632	
Hatari Invertebrates	2 unknown sex vinegaroons
P.O. Box 510	11 unknown sex leaf-footed bugs
Portal, AZ 85632	31 unknown sex dung beetles
	Donation
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo	12 unknown sex Paratilapia
3900 Brookside Park Dr.	bleekeri (fish)
Cleveland, OH 44109	24 unknown sex Paratroplus
	keineri (fish)
	Donation
	USDA #31-C-003

SALE TO

Los Angeles Zoo	1 female Emperor tamarin
5333 Zoo drive	Sale $400
Los Angeles, CA 90027	USDA #93-C-043

D. ROLPH-NICHOL PLAYGROUND RES. NO. 9609-158

PLAY AREA RENOVATION

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of play area renovation at Rolph-Nichol Playground.

E. LOUIS SUTTER PLAYGROUND RES. NO. 9609-159

PLAY AREA RENOVATION AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of play area renovation and other site improvements at Louis Sutter Playground.

F. STRYBING ARBORETUM RES. NO. 9609-160

GARDEN INTERN PROGRAM

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of contract renewal with Strybing Arboretum Society-Garden Intern Program.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR (CONT')

G. STRYBING ARBORETUM RES. NO. 9609-161
GIFT FUNDS
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of establish dedicated investments with the Treasurer's Office for various bequests.

H. STRYBING ARBORETUM RES. NO. 9609-162
RENTAL-RULES REGULATIONS
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of change in Rules and Regulations for rental of the County Fair Building.

I. CAMP MATHER RES. NO. 9609-163
USE PERMIT
RESOLVED That this Commission ratifies Agreement with the United States Forest Service for use of Camp Mather as a staging site for fire fighters.

J. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM RES. NO. 9609-164
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Bernard Ogbuagu in the amount of $9,500. (NOTE: The Commission may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 54956.9(a) of the California Government Code to discuss potential litigation regarding this matter.)

K. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM RES. NO. 9609-165
RESOLVED, That this Commission of the proposed settlement of the unlitigated claim of Francie Moeller, et al v. City and County of San Francisco in the amount of $115,233. (NOTE: The Commission may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 54956.9(a) of the California Government Code to discuss potential litigation regarding this matter.)

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE CONSENT CALENDAR

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. GOLF COURSE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT
Approval of authorization of staff to evaluate various options to improve Golf Course maintenance.

Assistant General Manager, Ernest Prindle states that item 4 on the calendar is for consideration of a multipart study to evaluate the various options to improve golf course maintenance. Subsequent to the Finance Committee meeting on September 5, 1996 when this study was discussed with the Committee a detailed plan has been developed.

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. GOLF COURSE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (Con't)

The condition of all five department maintained golf courses is inadequate. This condition is the result of the department's increasing use of golf revenues to support other departmental operations. Currently, over $2 million of golf revenues is used to support departmental operations. The following plan will significantly improve the overall condition of each course by the spring of 1997. If the overall condition is not improved by that time the department will enter into contracts with golf professionals or other providers for golf maintenance.

Mr. Prindle outlines the plan:

- US Golf Association will evaluate conditions of each course. The USGA will return in May 1977 to reassess the golf courses and use the initial survey as a guide to evaluate maintenance operations.

- To authorize a rent credit totaling $300,000 with golf professionals for the much needed purchase of equipment. Sharp Park, Lincoln and Harding-Jack Fleming will each be given $100,000 rent credits. This will provide each course with equipment. This item will be placed on the next Finance Committee calendar for review.

- Increase daily maintenance immediately by reassigning four gardeners who are currently in the golf course budget, paid for out of golf course budget, but do not work at the golf courses.

- To assign a full time operating engineer from the corporation yard to golf operations to operate the heavy equipment and to assist in tee and trap renovations.

- The reassignment of six gardeners from other areas in the department for least six months for specific renovations projects. Renovations projects will begin at Harding-Jack Fleming. Priorities will be trap renovation, cleaning and mowing roughs will be the first priority at Lincoln, followed by tee renovation and expansion. Traps and tee renovation will be the first priority at Sharp Park.

- To assign park maintenance crews from throughout the department for special projects to address deferred maintenance, to clean debris from roughs.

- To establish non-resident senior and junior fees, and tournament charges to increase their usage fee and to optimize revenues.

- The golf professional at each course will increase their advertising to promote the increased maintenance activities and to stimulate usage.

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. GOLF COURSE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (Con't)

- A Golf Advisory Committee composed of members of the public, golf pro's and department staff will be established to discuss golf operations.

It was suggested by Commissioner Rovetti that Commissioners' Friend and Moylan would be candidates for that committee.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted.

RES. NO. 9609-166

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the authorization of staff to evaluate various options to improve Golf Course maintenance.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING JOINT USE SITE
Construction of the Oceanside Water Pollution Control Plant has been completed and the Joint Use site has been restored per "Approved Mitigation's, Conditions of Approval and Accepted Joint Use Measures" set forth in the Commission's Resolution No. 15306, adopted March 16, 1989.

Project Manager, San Francisco Zoo Marla Jurosek states that this is just to update you on the Joint Use Site, this is the land that we are currently sharing with the Cleanwater Program and with us today is Karen Kubig representing the Cleanwater Program. This is the area between Skyline Boulevard, Great Highway and the Zoo. The Oceanside Water Pollution Control Plant construction is completed.

In the Environmental Review there were certain mitigation requirements set forth by a resolution made by this Commission in 1989. All mitigation requirements such as noise, odor monitoring were all done during the course of the construction of the plant. After the construction the burn area of the liquid process facilities was all backfilled and rough graded with plantings as well as providing site infrastructure and access to that area.

Ms. Jurosek refers to site drawings and to the Conservation Center Area will be the Zoo's responsibility, the tunnel from Oceanside Operating Plant will be maintained by their crew. The lease management agreement with the Zoological Society states that after you determine that this land meets the conditions of the approved mitigations and upon the written agreement of the Zoological Society to lease such land as part of the premises of terms and conditions contained in the lease management agreement, the Oceanside premises would be leased to the Zoo Society as part of the lease premises.

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY (Con't)
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING JOINT USE SITE

The Zoological Society Board of Directors has placed on their agenda early next month a resolution also agreeing to lease the land as part of the premises, and comply with all the terms and conditions of the lease management agreement. At which time a letter will be forwarded to you for your record, the land would become part of the defined premises.

Emeric Kalman spoke on mitigation issues concerning both the Oceanside Water Pollution Control Plant and Lake Merced and the amount of money involved.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani, seconded by Commissioner Moylan, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9609-167

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves site mitigation measures set forth in March 16, 1989, Resolution No. 15306 and that you accept this plan as meeting those conditions from the Cleanwater Program.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

6. MID-EMBARCADERO OPEN SPACE
(JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA, EMBARCADERO PARK, FERRY PLAZA)
PROPOSED REPLACEMENT ROADWAY PROJECT
OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS/OPEN SPACE CONCEPTUAL PLAN
Proposed replacement roadway project, Open Space improvements, and underground parking garage of Mid-Embarcadero Open Space (Justin Herman Plaza, Embarcadero Park and Ferry Plaza). Approval of roadway and open space conceptual plan and minor sidewalk encroachment onto park property.

A MODEL OF THE MID-EMBARCADERO PROJECT WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM # 6 IT WAS REMOVED FROM THE CALENDAR

7. CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND
HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION
Consideration of a request for the modification of the existing sound policy at Civic Center Plaza on Thursday, October 31, 1996, for the Halloween San Francisco '96 event, to allow for amplified sound from 6:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

Recreation Supervisor, Linda Woo states that this request is for modification of the existing sound policy at Civic Center Plaza on Thursday, October 31, 1996 for the Halloween San Francisco "96 event.

GENERAL CALENDAR

7. CIVIC CENTER PLAZA (Con't)
MODIFICATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND
HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

Consideration of a request for the modification of the existing sound policy at Civic Center Plaza on Thursday, October 31, 1996, for the Halloween San Francisco '96 event, to allow for amplified sound from 6:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

John Twomey states he is part of the committee that is sponsoring the event, he is here to answer any questions.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon states her concerns about keeping things under control and the amount of the insurance bond.

Commissioner Rovetti asks if the amount of the insurance bond can be increased just to make sure that the department is well covered.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon states that perhaps the question of increasing the insurance bond can be discussed with Joel Robinson and that this issue can be resolved, there is no need to come before the Commission again.

Mr. Twomey states that he would speak with the person in charge of the event regarding the increase of the insurance bond, he indicated that this should not be a problem.

Commissioner Brattesani states that he has attended for a number of years and that the organization that sponsors the event has it pretty well under control

On motion of Commissioner Moylan, seconded by Commissioner Quaranta, the following resolution was adopted.

RES. NO. - 9609-168

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request for the modification of the existing sound policy at Civic Center Plaza on Thursday, October 31, 1996 for the Halloween San Francisco "96" event, to allow for amplified sound from 6:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m., with a discussion to take place regarding an increase in the insurance bond.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

GENERAL CALENDAR

8. UNION SQUARE
ICE SKATING RINK INSTALLATION
Consideration of a request for a five year operation and the temporary installation of an Ice Skating Rink at Union Square during the months of November and December, by the Guardsman.

Permits Supervisor, Tim Lillyquist states that this is the second year the Guardsman have requested to operate a skating rink in Union Square for the Christmas Season. They are asking for a five year approval this time. Staff would like have another year of working with the Guardsman before we go ahead and issue a multi-year permit. We are recommending a one year approval.

The permit to operate would be from October 14, 1996 through December 31, 1996 allowing time for set up and break down.

The Guardsman have worked with us closely, followed and met all our requirements as far as bonding, we are satisfied with their cooperation so far. There will be approximately 250-300 people per session, maximum of seven sessions per day.

The service fee is assessed at $0.50 per adult paid admission. Performance Bond is $20,000. We did stipulate this year as we did last year that they work closely with another historic event that takes place during the holiday season, that is the lighting of the Menorah. It is competition for the same space, it was a problem last year and problem this year, we have the permittees to work with each other and come up with an agreement and get along with each other, both using the facility for the respective events.

On behalf of the Department I would like to thank Rabbi Yosef Langer and John Kohnke on coming to an agreement.

Commissioner Moylan inquires if the 1 million dollar certificate of insurance is enough.

Mr. Lillyquist indicates that the conditions of approval have been met.

Acting General Manager,Joel Robinson states that in conversations with Keith Grand the City Risk Manager, the 1 million dollar insurance bond is the traditional amount that is asked for such events in the City. We could make it whatever we want, but with the ice skating rink at Justin Herman last year it was held with the 1 million dollar insurance policy. The Department's current policy is to ask for one million.

Mr. Lillyquist indicates that we have a representative from the Guardsman here.

GENERAL CALENDAR

8. UNION SQUARE (Con't)
ICE SKATING RINK INSTALLATION

Consideration of a request for a five year operation and the temporary installation of an Ice Skating Rink at Union Square during the months of November and December, by the Guardsman.

Robert Lally from the Guardsman and Chairman from the Ice Rink Committee. The skating charges are $8.50/adults, $6.50/children this includes skate rental. The City receives 50 cents for each adult skater, nothing for children. Last year the City received about $15,000, all proceeds from the event go to the Guardsman Campership Fund. Our goal this year is to send a 1,000 kids to summer camp. It was successful, we made ice.

Our sponsors were happy. Our goal this year is to make it look a lot better, if you take a look at the package we put together for you, there are some artists renderings that are being done pro bono by HLK who are one of the largest architectural firms, KGO Television is a big sponsor. The event was a big success, that is why we are requesting a five year permit, so we can spend more money on capital items to make it look better. We would like to replace all the skates.

Commissioner Brattesani inquires as to why staff is only recommending a one year permit versus the five year permit .

Permits Supervisor, Tim Lillyquist responds that we had some concerns last year as to the appearance of the rink, it will be somewhat more profile this year and this seems to be the case. We would like to see it again this year before we go ahead with the multi-year permit.

Commissioner Brattesani inquires if there is a proposal for a five year upgrade planned so that the Department would feel more comfortable with issuing a multi-year permit.

Robert Lally from the Guardsman indicates that most of the capital improvements to upgrade will be done this year. In the back page of the proposal, you can see last year we used temporary mobile module trailers to house the ticket office and the skate check-in/check-out, this year we plan on building our own structures that we can bring in and out, visually it is much better looking. We will be able to lower the rink this year, we are working with a scaffolding company, last year the limiting factor was the height of the hedges inside the planters, they have been replaced with annuals that they plan on changing throughout the year.

Commissioner Brattesani asks if you get a five year approval, I would like to make it conditional the Menorah have an option to review it , so that they are happy about your five year plan.

GENERAL CALENDAR

8. UNION SQUARE (Con't)

ICE SKATING RINK INSTALLATION

Consideration of a request for a five year operation and the temporary installation of an Ice Skating Rink at Union Square during the months of November and December, by the Guardsman.

Commissioner Flunder inquires if there were any accidents.

Mr. Lally responds, yes a lot of people fall down, we have one claim pending and will end up paying a $10,000 claim as well as the deductible.

Commissioner Brattesani asks if children are being brought by their parents, that is basically what is happening most of the time. Is there any way the Guardsman can help the park system by promoting Friends of the Park an organization that helps our park subsidize all the other events. These are opportunities missed, you have a captive audience, this is a time where you can help promote the park system. These types of organizations that are making money for good causes help our cause, perhaps some discussion with Friends of the Park would implement this.

Rabbi Yosef Langer, it is an honor to be here, I want to thank you for being the landlord to us for the last 21 years. The Menorah has become a historic event not only to San Francisco but around the world. I also would like to commend you and the staff on the juggling act that you do to accommodate all of us in limited space.

Last year when Joel and Linda approached me concerning this event I was excited at the idea of helping of kids, bringing charm to the square and bringing revenues to the local business folk there, bringing some money here as well as helping out Habad. Our concern was the limited space in the square we wanted to be accommodated for our visions of developing a festive Hanaka event. Because insurance, liability and logistics and ice melt this was not able to be accommodated, so we worked out other arrangements which turned out to be beneficial to Habad. I must say I am a little jealous of this concept, I think this is an unbelievable vision that is coming into realty that brings a lot to our City.

If Bill Graham were still alive and with us he would be polishing up his skates to perform some magic on the ice. I give my endorsement and my blessings to you and your group, I am sure that we can work out any differences. I am open to supporting the five year plan because I know that would be helpful to your budget.

On motion of Commissioner Friend, Seconded by Commissioner Brattesani the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. - 9609-169

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a one year permit with the possibility of a multi-year permit based on the outcome of the event this year.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

GENERAL CALENDAR

9. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
CITY ADMINISTRATOR
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the City Administrator for sale of "official" San Francisco prepaid telephone calling cards at Recreation and Park Department facilities.

Assistant General Manager, Ernest Prindle states that this a request from the City Administrator's Office who is implemented a program of the Mayor's to install prepaid telephone phone cards at various locations.

There would be two types of places where these would be, a vending machine or over the counter. In both cases we would have two types of cards, those that are city-wide cards and those that are specifically Recreation and Park cards. Depending on what the situation is, there are different revenue flows either to the concessionaire, Department and the City which are detailed here for you. What we currently discussed and what the City Administrator's Office has negotiated with some of our concessionaires such as the golf courses, 3COM Park which was discussed at the Finance Committee, subsequent to that meeting they have also worked with Coit Tower and are currently working on the parking garages.

Commissioner Friend inquires about who is responsible for maintenance, operation.

Georgia Dunn, City Administrator's Office indicates that the City is not responsible. Responsibility is with Winston Taylor the company that is managing the program and they are responsible for installation, insurance, any damage. The City will collect 18.5 gross revenue.

Commissioner Rovetti, I was presented a card by another company and when this one runs out, you have two minutes left, someone gets on the phone and asks if you would like to renew it, and asks you for your credit card number. Is it the same kind of set up.

A representative from Winston Taylor indicates it is not the same. On the back of the card there is an 800 number you call if you wish to renew. We control it and you will receive report every month.

Mr. Prindle indicates we are looking to use these at special events and will provide the City Administrator's Office with a list.

On motion of Commissioner Friend, Seconded by Commissioner Flunder the following resolution was adopted.

RES. NO. 9609-170

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Memorandum of Understanding with the City Administrator for sale of "official" San Francisco prepaid telephone calling cards at Recreation and Park Department facilities.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

GENERAL CALENDAR

10. 3 COM PARK
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
Approval of a supplemental appropriation request in the amount of $340,000 to reimburse the San Francisco Giants for the installation of the "Out-of-Town" scoreboard at 3COM Park at Candlestick Point.

Assistant General Manager, Ernest Prindle states that in 1993 the Giants approached the Commission about installing a scoreboard in right field bleachers. At that time they were going request to put additional advertising to pay for the scoreboard.

The Commission indicated that this would not be possible because it would be a conflict with the existing Sony Agreement which provides for all advertising through them, what the Commission agreed to was that we would reimburse them, if we could show that revenues from the scoreboard advertising that Sony put in would increase our overall objective status.

We are now requesting the a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $340,000 to reimburse the San Francisco Giants for the installation of the scoreboard.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder, Seconded by Commissioner Quaranta the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9609-171

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the supplemental appropriation request in the amount of $340,000 to reimburse the San Francisco Giants for the installation of the "Out-of-Town" scoreboard at 3COM Park at Candlestick Point.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

11. GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB
DELINQUENT RENT REPAYMENT PLAN
Approval of Repayment Plan for delinquent rent.

Assistant General Manager, Ernest Prindle states that the Golden Gate Yacht Club rebuilt their facilities in 1993 after the damage that they suffered in the 1989 earthquake. As part of that rebuilding, there was additional electrical capacity to be installed, this was the Department's responsibility to install it up to the meter. We were to do that in early 1995, it took until June 1996 to accomplish that. Therefore, what happened was they were not able to open on time to generate revenues. What we are proposing as a result of the delinquent rent of $30,530 if is that we waive the interest on it, because of our inability to provide what was our obligation on a timely basis.

GENERAL CALENDAR

11. GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB
DELINQUENT RENT REPAYMENT PLAN
Approval of Repayment Plan for delinquent rent.

The Yacht Club has come forward with a repayment plan which is articulated, this has already been implemented from September to December 1996, $2,250 per month, January - December 1997, $1,500 per month, January 1998 $1,500 and for February 1998 $2,030.

On motion of Commissioner Friend, Seconded by Commissioner Moylan the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9609-172

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Repayment Plan for delinquent rent.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

12. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT
Approval of Agreement with the District Attorney for the Department to enter into the Bad Check Restitution/Prosecution Program.

Assistant General Manager, Ernest Prindle states that there is a problem with bounced checks in the Department. Currently the Department has approximately $80,000 outstanding which is 600 over the last five years. We are proposing changes in a number of areas to adjust that (1) is an agreement with the District Attorney's Office to go after bounced check issuers, (2) implementing procedures at the point of collection and (3) to centralize departmental functions in this area which will improve financial operations.

There is no cost to the Department.

On motion of Commissioner Moylan, Seconded by Commissioner Friend the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9609-173

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves Agreement with the District Attorney for the Department to enter into the Bad Check Restitution/Prosecution Program.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SPOKE EITHER/FOR OR AGAINST POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF THE YOUNG ADULT BOXING PROGRAM FROM THE POLICE GYMNASIUM AT THE HALL OF JUSTICE TO ST. MARY'S RECREATION CENTER.

Paris Alexander	John Aspelm	Danna Peterson
Robert Francessoni	Geno Morini	Dennis Billingsley
Jonna Ramey	Michael DeCastro	Guido Guinasso
Gloria Thurber	Florence Kolor	Bill Fossett
Jerry Ramirez	Joy Ferguson	Ernest Maroon
Pamela Waterson	Jeannie Balderramos	Elsie Aviles
Mary Ramirez	Josephine Matranga	Patrick Gallagher
Seth Nesbitt		

\ The above speakers were either for or against the program. Some of the above individuals were the boxers. . Some are not opposed to the program, but concerned about gang related groups.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Rovetti states that to be fair to both sides why are we always talking about the boxers, to me boxing is like soccer, bicycle riding or any other sport. They are telling your that their sport is clean, requests that the program be called a boxing program not a gang boxing program.

Commissioner Flunder defines the term "At Risk". I have worked with at risk youths, it does not mean they are gang affiliated, it does not mean they have been incarcerated, it does not mean that they are in any kind of trouble at all. At Risk simply means that they are at risk to be in trouble and need attention to keep them from getting into trouble, so it does not connote that they are in trouble or have been in trouble. At risk does not have that connotation and we need to clear that up, if there is some thought that they have been in jail or have the potential to be in jail. By definition at risk simply means by economic, ethnographic, demographics for all those possible reasons you might be in danger of being in trouble.

Commissioner Moylan states that he believes in the program and hopes a space can be found for the boxing program.

Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson stated he would like to speak on some of the issues that were raised by some of the residents regarding the issue of process. I am also concerned about the process we are in right now, I think it is embarrassing to our department that it has reached this point, very unnecessarily. There has been no process because we only have a proposal and what we did is to take to the staff at St. Mary's Recreation Center.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

The process had not been implemented when this information was released in such a tainted, vile and evil way to describe these young people as they have been described. It was obviously released in that way to accomplish just what has been accomplished, is a total reluctance from the community to even examine the program. We have not driven a nail, we have not delivered the boxing ring, we have not done anything at St. Mary's. We have not begun a public process, we simply communicated an idea that should have been communicated back to us as to the relevancy or the non relevancy of St. Mary's Center, that was not done. Instead a negative public relations campaign was initiated with the community. A campaign that did not contain accurate or relevant information.

We do plan a public hearing at St. Mary's, where the District Attorney, Police Chief and myself will attend. The community meeting that was held at St. Mary's there was only one days notice given, none of us could be there,.it was not fair to any of us. We have arranged a meeting on Tuesday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's where the accurate information about the program can be given. With the information that you have I don't blame you for being concerned. We would not just put a program like that in any recreation center, we have this program before at a recreation center with no problems. With no gang activity, no violence, no car break ins, it has actually improved the center.

If you think by excluding this type of program from your community is going to make you safer,you are sadly mistaken. Anybody can walk into St. Mary's Center today, gang banger, regardless of who they are, we can't stop them. The only thing we can do is to provide positive activities to young people so that when they come there, they are involved in something other than writing graffiti on the wall or participating some negative activity. That is what we are about, we are a Recreation and Park Department. These are the young people we want in our facilities.

A member of the public indicates that this was announced on August 9 in the City Voice Newspaper that the move in date was September 15.

Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson states he has been in this job one month, he has learned one thing "you can't always believe what you read in the newspaper". If we could reserve this conversation until September 24th where the District Attorney, the Police Chief, myself and all pertinent people will be at St. Mary's to answer your questions and concerns that would be a more appropriate time because this is not an agenda item.

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT ITEMS DISCUSSED

Ralph Tibbs discussed the possibility of reopening the Sharp Park Rifle Range.

James Mahoney spoke on Golf Course issues.

Emeric Kalman spoke on various issues.

Chris Duderstadt/Cary Jones spoke on issues concerning soccer.

14. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report was submitted.

15. COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

1. Commissioner Rovetti announced a change in the Selection Committee for the Commission Secretary.
2. Commissioner Friend would return to the Parks and Planning Committee
3. Contact him regarding the Forty-Niner Luxury Suite Tickets.

16. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The following Committee Reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee, Wednesday, September 4, 1996
Parks and Planning and Golf Committee Meeting of August 27, 1996
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of September 5, 1996

17. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Ruth Cook, mother of the Acting Commission Secretary, Linda Griffin who recently passed away.

There being no further business, the 719th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Griffin
Acting Commission Secretary

14. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
No report was submitted.

15. COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS
Commissioner Rovetti informs Commissioner Friend that he is being removed from the search committee for the new commission secretary.

Commissioner Friend responds to Commissioner Rovetti "IL Duce, IL Duce...Mussolini came back."

Commissioner Brattesani responds to Commissioner Friend, "I take offense at that." That's racist comment.

Commissioner Friend responds he was the dictator of Italy.

Commissioner Brattesani responds "You are addressing it on a racist issue." You are implying something.

Commissioner Friend responds if it is a racist issue, then I apologize.

Commissioner Brattesani responds "I belong to the Concordia Club."

Commissioner Friend responds "don't give be that stuff about what you belong to, what you are." You are always telling me how important you are, and I'm tired of it.

Commissioner Rovetti asks can I finish my report; it is my request. "I am not IL Duce, I am not Hitler, I am Vince Rovetti, I am a Democrat".

Commissiner Friend responds then act like one. You are always trying to get even with me. You are always carring a grudge for some goddamn thing.

Commissiner Rovetti inquires what are you talking about?

Commissioner Friend responds, look, whatever you want to do, you run it. You are the president now, and whatever you do is fine. I will abide by your words.

Commissioner Rovetti I want someone here who is selected on professional basis, not a friend.

Commissioner Friend responds why did you pull me off the search committee?

Commissioner Rovetti responds I pulled you off because, sir, you told me that you were too busy. I spoke to the Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson yesterday. I said "Joel, I would like to relieve Commissioner Friend."

Commissioner Friend responds so you put me on no committees at all.

Commissioner Rovetti responds "that is not what I said, sir".

15. COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS
(Continued)

Commissioner Friend responds "that is what I heard". You would like me to resign from this Commission.

Commissioner Rovetti responds "that is not what I said",

Commissioner Friend inquires "would you like that".

Commissioner Rovetti responds it is not up to me.

Commissioner Quaranta responds "let's not be childish here." Let's stop the meeting. Everyone apologize.

Commissioner Friend responds "why don't you just be quiet and sit down".

Commissioner Rovetti responds "I have been accused of getting even. Now what do I have to against you to get even with."

Commissioner Friend responds "I don't know, but you have something against me because you know damn well that if I want to, I will be the next president here and it's driving you crazy."

Commissioner Rovetti responds you called me "Mussolini."

Commissioner Friend responds "you don't want to accepte the apology.'

Commissioner Rovetti responds "I do accept it.'

Commissiner Rovetti states that he has the remainder of the Forty-Niner Tickets.

Commissioner Friend states if the Forty-Niner Tickets are not being used, then give them out. That's all I asked, was for two tickets.

Commissioner Rovetti states I was told that the other tickets were being used.

Commissioner Friend states I could do without the goddamn Forty-Niner tickets, because I have a box of my own now. So that is not big deal to me.

Commissioner Rovetti inquires, why are you picking on me.

Commissioner Friend states I am not picking on you. I am trying to straighten you out, OK? I am trying to tell you that you are wrong.

Commissiner Friend indicates to Commissioner Rovetti to end the meeting.

15. COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS
(Continued)

Commissioner Flunder states something just happened here that is extremely uncomfortable and extraordinarily unprofessional. I need to know if this is what can happen, and if so, what can we do to keep this from happening again?

Commissiner Friend states to Commissioner Rovetti "you don't even know how to run a meeting."

Commissioner Rovetti states I don't want to go back and tell you exactly what happened because it will open a can of worms.

Commissioner Friend states "you have can of worms with this gentleman . You have a can of worm with that lady (Commissioner Flunder), you go a can of worms with him (Commissioner Quaranta), and now you got a can of worms with me.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Open Space Advisory Committee

FROM: Elaine Molinari

RE: Office of Neighborhood Services Report

DATE: September 21, 1996

The Neighborhood Services office is responsible for generating community resources for the Recreation and Park Department. This includes building a volunteer program; encouraging and assisting the development of neighborhood support groups; acting as a Department liaison with community resource collaboratives; and raising both public and private financial support for Department projects. In addition, this office provides limited marketing and public service functions for Department programs and maintains and allows public access to the Department archives.

There is currently a staff of two fulltime employees. This committee, in its recommendations for expending the 1995/96 Open Space Fund, allotted funding for a half-time assistant. This was combined with the funding for a volunteer and education coordinator for the Natural Areas Management Plan implementation to create one fulltime position. Kristin Bowman was hired for this position. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her duties and her boundless zeal adds to the creative energy of our office.

Volunteers

Volunteer opportunities in the Department exist in both the Recreation and Parks division. While volunteers are referred by the various recreation directors, I am responsible for doing background checks, including fingerprint checks through the State Department of Justice. We have an estimated 400 to 450 people coaching; teaching sports, dance, music; acting as umpires and referees; managing weight rooms; helping with tiny tots or after school tutoring; teaching cooking; and any number of other things.

Within the Park division, there are several groups that meet on a regular basis in support of individual neighborhood parks, areas of Golden Gate Park, or specific projects. "Friends" support groups exist at several neighborhood parks and have regularly scheduled workdays, turning out hundreds of volunteers. We have been working recently

with the Neighborhood Parks Foundation, formed by Isabel Wade to attract additional private funding to leverage city dollars in five parks with active volunteer organizations: Alamo Square, Brooks Park, Buena Vista Par, Koshland Park, and Pioneer Park. A workday will be held on November 2 at each of these parks.

Staff meets with many of these neighborhood groups to discuss park issues, organize community cleanups, and seek solutions for park use problems. Several recurring themes have been addressed: the lack of usable restrooms; negligent dog owners; parks used by drinkers, drug addicts and prostitutes; and renovation needs. We often involve the neighborhood police, merchants, schools, community based organizations, and, churches to solve existing problems.

This fall we are providing a recognition and training symposium for 50 volunteers who have shown tremendous leadership in the parks. The training will include workshops on fundraising, conflict resolution, and volunteer recruitment and retention. We will also provide a lunch and certificate in honor of their efforts.

For the first time, this year's Christmas in April event included a Department facility, Crocker Amazon Park and Playground. Over 350 corporate employees turned out to paint the bleachers, top-dress the fields, build benches, paint fences, restripe the courts, and paint the clubhouse. In preparation for this day, Youth Service Day was held the weekend prior and 100 young people helped to move soil and prime walls to be painted. Our gardeners and craftspeople put out an incredible effort to make this a huge success. The Christmas in April event led to the Committee on Jobs request for a corporate workday this fall. On October 26 we are expecting over 450 volunteers at six park sites to remove weeds, plant ground cover, edge pathways, and clear trails.

While the winter storms limited some regularly scheduled volunteer activity, we had an outpouring of support for three workdays cleaning up storm damage. The first of these workdays in January brought 550 people out to work!

During the last fiscal year, July 1995 to June 1996, approximately 4,300 volunteers have contributed 15,000 hours of work to the parks. This figure does not include groups working on park property, with Department permission, but without direct supervision or oversight, such as the habitat restoration groups at Bernal Heights, Glen Canyon park, Tank Hill, Twin Peaks, nor the clean-up crews such as the Golden Gate Park Collectors and Korean American Senior Citizens.

Fundraising

Money from the state and federal government, in direct granting programs, is nearly nonexistent. In its place, the federal government is promoting block grants to states. This will bode ill for San Francisco for several political reasons, and because the formulaic split used by Sacramento allocates 60% of pass-through funds for Southern California and 40% for Northern California. Grant applications for the Twin Peaks Trail

and India Basin Site 2 went unfunded. A grant for Strawberry Hill trail work is pending. The Department was included in a grant application submitted by the Police Department, and was funded for $84,000 for youth programs in the Western Addition. However, the continued funding expected has not materialized and the existing collaborative is seeking alternative funding.

Fundraising has begun for the restoration of the Conservatory of Flowers. I have been working with consultants to organize the Department's applications for FEMA reimbursements for storm damage, and a Hazard Mitigation Grant for $6 million has been submitted. The Conservatory has been designated one of the 100 most endangered monuments in the world and, subsequently, won a $100,000 grant from American Express.

The Beach Chalet Visitor Center, a project begun with an Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) grant of $724,000 is scheduled to open the first week of December and will feature displays of Golden Gate Park history, recreation and ecology, as well as offering for sale park-related goods crafted by our teen entreprencur programs.

Other Projects

A *pro-bono* report by a Dutch windmill manufacturer, was completed outlining the restoration necessary for the Murphy Windmill and we are now getting a cost estimate, also *pro-bono,* so that fundraising can begin. The Cork Sister City Committee has pledged to contact as many Murphys as can be found to begin the fundraising!

The summer camp for McLaren Park that was funded from Open Space was started this past summer. A total of 60 kids had a wonderful summer camp experience, 30 at Louis Sutter Playground and 30 at Herz Playground. The budget made vans available so that joint trips could be planned.

Working with the Trust for Public Land, a great deal of time has been spent in helping to organize the diverse communities of Visitacion Valley to address recreation and open space needs. From this process has come a list of community priorities, three of which have been presented to this committee for funding.

Plans for Next Year

Our plans for next year are to continue working with community groups on park issues, promoting the involvement of neighborhood residents in the maintenance and safety of their parks. When the Natural Areas Management team is hired, we will be recruiting and training community volunteers to work with the team on restoration of these areas. We are also interested in getting school groups involved in land stewardship, and will be going out to the schools to present materials and recruit volunteers.

We hope to encourage more corporate volunteer groups to take part in park projects, perhaps getting each group to take "ownership" of one facility and become involved with the recreation programs as well as park maintenance. I am planning a series of workshops for recreation directors that will provide information on tapping the resources of their immediate community, encouraging them to get the neighborhood residents involved.

Since funding sources for local government are scarce, we will be focusing on building collaborative ventures that can pursue funding jointly. In addition, we are seeking funding to build an intern program for students in the recreation field. We are planning a workshop for the gardeners on volunteer safety and supervision, and dealing with difficult people.

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

720th REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, October 17, 1996 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Twentieth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 17,1996 at 2:00 p.m. by President Vincent Rovetti.

1. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT	ABSENT
Vincent Rovetti	John Moylan
Steven Brattesani	
Yvette Flunder	
Eugene Friend	
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon	
Angelo Quaranta	

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Acting General Manager, Joel B. Robinson, presented the following report

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, we are proud to recognize Stacey White, Assistant Recreation Director in the Athletic Division at Kezar Pavilion. Charlene Nichols, Acting Superintendent of Recreation, will make the presentation.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTERS The Mayor's Office of Assistance and Neighborhood Outreach (MANO) has proposed the creation of Neighborhood Service Centers. The mission of these one-stop centers is to:

- provide easy public access to City information, programs and services
- bring City programs and services into the neighborhoods
- respond to customers' requests quickly and efficiently
- make City departments more accountable and aware of neighborhood issues.

This initiative was born out of Supervisor Barbara Kaufman's proposal to make government more accessible and accountable to the public. The program will start in the Chinatown, Bayview Hunters Point, Sunset/West of Twin Peaks/Park Merced and OMI Excelsior/Visitaction Valley communities. The Department will provide staff at each location one day per week. In addition, the Planning Department, the Department of Public Health, Department of Parking and Traffic and the Department of Building Inspection will also allocate staff to each location.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

POLO FIELD_The renovation of the Polo Field is proceeding on schedule. Finish grading was completed on October 16, and sod will begin to be placed today, October 17. The Polo Field renovation project will provide a uniform playing surface as well as increase the area available for soccer. Once complete, the additional field area will help alleviate the demand on some of our other soccer facilities and address the need for additional soccer space. The Polo Field is expected to reopen in January 1997.

GOLDEN GATE PARK LOG CLEAN-UP The contract for the disposal of wood from Golden Gate Park is presently in the award process. The projected award date is tomorrow, October 18. Work will begin on October 21 and, weather permitting, will be completed by mid December. Total cost of the contract is $49,250.

PERMIT POLICY REVIEW The Commission currently reviews the Permit and Reservation Policy twice a year—at its May and November meetings. I am proposing that the Commission review the policy once a year at the January meeting.

GOLF COURSES There are 31 positions in the golf budget. As of October 21, 30 of these positions will be filled. While this is the largest staffing in recent years, it is well below the industry standard. In addition, an operating engineer is being hired exclusively for golf courses.

The six-person temporary crew (six months) is being formed now and will start working at the Harding/Fleming Golf Course as soon as the complete crew is intact. Trap renovation is the first priority.

The first major clean-up took place at Lincoln Park on October 10. The Workfare and 9910 crews performed exceptionally well, and an impressive amount of work was accomplished.

I, along with Ernie Prindle, Ron de Leon, Bob Killian and Rich Rovetti inspected Harding/Fleming, Lincoln Park and Sharp Park Golf Courses on October 11.

ZOO NEWS The Avian Conservation Center is almost complete. The perimeter fence and punch list should be completed in two weeks. The bald eagles were moved into their new enclosures two weeks ago, which allowed construction to begin on the new wet weather station--part of the Zoo infrastructure replacement project. Completion of the station will be approximately one year from now.

The mobile post office came to the Zoo on October 2 to unveil its new endangered species commemorative stamp. One of the Zoo's San Francisco Garter Snakes posed beside a poster of the stamp.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

ZOO NEWS

The infamous Mountain Lake alligator was caught and is now being exhibited in the primate discovery center pool. It appears in good shape with the exception of an abscessed tooth which has already been fixed by the Zoo veterinarian. The Zoo is proceeding to look for a permanent home for the alligator.

SF TEEN PUBLICATION At your places is a copy of the September 1996 issue of CRE-A-SHN, a collection of short stories, essays and poem by teens.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, October 22, 1996 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge	Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee;
Wednesday, November 6, 1996 p.m. (meeting); Zoo	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. (tour), 5:00
Thursday, November 7, 1996 p.m.; McLaren Lodge	Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00
Monday, November 11, 1996	Veterans Day Holiday

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani Seconded by Commissioner Flunder, the following resolutions were adopted.

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS RES. NO. 9610-173

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES RES. NO.9610-174

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following minutes:

- Regular Meeting of September 19, 1996

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

C. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY RES. NO. 9610-175
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS
RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution NO. 13572.

PURCHASE		
Mike Lubbock	(1) male and (2) female Magpie	
Sylvan Heights Waterfowl	Geese	
P.O. Box 36	$900/trio	
Scotland Neck, North Carolina, 27874		
SALE		
Nelson's Twin Oaks Farm	(1) male gray kangaroo	
13305 Bethany Road	$750.00	
Alpharette, GA 30201-3542	USDA 57-A-054	

D. FRANKLIN SQUARE RES. NO.9610-176
INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION
SOCCER FIELD RENOVATION PROJECT
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the review of construction progress for Franklin Square soccer field renovation project.

E. PIONEER PARK/COIT TOWER RES. NO. 9610-177
IMPROVEMENTS
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the conceptual plans for improvements to Pioneer Park and Coit Tower.

F. GOLDEN GATE PARK RES. NO. 9610-178
CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
UNDERGROUND FUEL TANK
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of site for fuel tank within the Academy compound.

G. UNION SQUARE RES. NO. 9610-179
NO SIGNIFICANT SHADOW IMPACT
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of finding of no significant shadow impact on Union Square by proposed project at Macy's on Geary Boulevard.

H. INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) PROGRAM RES. NO. 9610-180
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of Supplemental Appropriation request in the amount of $100,000 to initiate the Integrated Pest Management Program.

I. STRYBING ARBORETUM SOCIETY RES. NO. 9610-181
REVOCABLE FOOD VENDING PERMIT
RESOLVED, That this Commission approves of Revocable Food Vending Permit with the Strybing Arboretum Society.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE CONSENT CALENDAR

GENERAL CALENDAR

ITEM 9 WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

4. COLLINGWOOD PARK ATHLETIC FIELD
RENAMING TO RIKKI STREICHER
Approval of proposal to rename the Collingwood Park Athletic Field to Rikki Streicher Field.

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Acting Superintendent of Recreation, Charlene Nichols speaks on the issue of renaming Collingwood Park Athletic Field to Rikki Streicher Field. The field currently has no name and upon receiving this request we did a some research to see if it was a plausible recommendation.

Ms. Streicher was a shining example of the City's finest tradition of giving to the community. She was a business woman, lesbian and was renowned for developing establishments serving the needs of women and lesbians. As an athlete, she was co-founder of the Federation of Gay Games and was honored with the Tom Waddel Cup at the closing ceremonies of the 1994 Gay Games. As Community Leader, Rikki worked through four decades, with the Society for Individual Rights the Godfather Service Fund, the Tavern Guild, the Cable Car Awards, the AIDS Emergency Fund, and Frameline. She was a beacon of hope for so many.

Staff recommends approval to rename Collingwood Park Athletic Field to Rikki Streicher Field.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE IN SUPPORT OF THE RENAMING OF COLLINGWOOD PARK ATHLETIC FIELD TO RIKKI STREICHER FIELD.

Carolene Marks, Sara Lewinstein, Hydie Downard, Mary Starvus Stack, Bob Ross, and Jo Daly, Joanne Shirley, Larry Eppinette.

On motion of Commissioner Quaranta seconded by Commissioner Brattesani the following resolution was adopted.

RES. NO.9610-182

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the renaming the Collingwood Park Athletic Field to Rikki Streicher.Field.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

5. MARGARET HAYWARD PLAYGROUND
911 CENTER TEMPORARY COURTS
AWARD OF CONTRACT
Approval of temporary courts layout and Award of Contract for the construction of the 911 Center temporary courts.

Marvin Yee, Assistant Landscape Architect states that the Margaret Hayward Playground is located in the Western Addition and is the site of the 911 Emergency Operations Center. As approved by the Commission in 1994 a portion of the Center will be on the current location of the basketball and volleyball courts. New basketball, volleyball courts will be constructed when the 911 Center is complete. In respect to the community courts should be available to during the construction of the of the 911 Center. It is being proposed that temporary courts are to be located on the east side of Margaret Hayward Playground. These courts will remain in place for about two years during the construction of the 911 Center. The contract is in protest period and will be awarded October 25, with approval of this Commission.

Commissioner Flunder inquires will there be a period of time that the courts will not be available.

Mr. Yee responds, there will not be a period of time that the courts will be available. The temporary courts will be completed by March, construction of the 911 Center will begin in March and upon completion of the 911 Center there will permanent basketball and volleyball courts.

Commissioner Brattesani inquires can we reclaim hoops, backboard and other items that are use in this facility.

Mr. Yee responds that some of the items will be recycled.

On motion of Commissioner Friend seconded by Commissioner Brattesani the following resolution was adopted

RES. NO. 9610-183

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the temporary courts layout and award of contract for the construction of the 911 Center at Margaret Hayward Playground.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

6. SAN FRANCISCO MARINA SMALL CRAFT HARBOR
INTERNAL WAITING LIST
Approval of suspending the "two-waiver" rule for the Internal Waiting List for the San Francisco Small Craft Harbor.

Gary Davis, Marina Manager states that he is requesting a modification of the yacht internal harbor waiting list policy. We basically thought we had things worked out on the internal waiting list in 1992, unfortunately the survey indicates that there are twenty-three internal waiting list tenants, the majority of these tenants (approximately fourteen) feel that they are being treated unfairly. There are two waiting lists (1) the internal waiting list consists of applicants who were current tenants a the time of their request to be placed on the waiting list and (2) the external waiting list consists of applicants who were currently not tenants at the time of their application.

The way the list works is you are offered berths as they become available by the date on the waiting list application, the current procedure is that if an applicant refuses a berth on two subsequent assignment opportunities they will be moved to the end of the waiting list. Because the people on the internal waiting list have gotten on there in an effort to move into the west harbor, we feel it is inappropriate to penalize them by returning them to the bottom of the list. I would like to recommend that the two-wavier rule be suspended for the applicants on the internal waiting list. This will only be necessary as long as there are people on the internal waiting list, there are no more people going on it. Now whether you are or are not a tenant in the harbor you are just on one waiting list.

Commissioner Rovetti inquires if the harbor is full at this time.

Mr. Davis responds that we are only 99% full. There are two berths currently available.

Emeric Kalman, if we approve the concept, we have to change the rules and regulations. Some tenants have been on the list twenty-five years and because they didn't accept, they get moved to the end of the waiting list, it is not fair.

Ron De Leon, Superintendent of Parks responds to Mr. Kalman's question. The current rules and regulations say that on the external list after two waivers you go to the bottom of the list. The recommendation to the Commission is that the two-waiver remain for the external waiting list, for all tenants on the internal waiting list that the two-waiver rule be suspended and the people on the internal waiting list revert back to their original precedence dates. In some instances there are two people waiting for one size berth and they just keep going back and forth, it doesn't make any sense.

Request that the two-waiver rule for the internal list be suspended, the tenants on the internal waiting list will go back to their original precedence. Current rules and regulations state on the internal waiting list that after two refusals an applicant will be moved to the end of the waiting list, we are asking to have the two wavier rule suspended, people on that list revert back to their original precedence. It is not a concept it is a change in the rules.

6. SAN FRANCISCO MARINA SMALL CRAFT HARBOR (Continued)
INTERNAL WAITING LIST

Emeric Kalman states it should be put in writing.

Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson asks Mr. De Leon to make sure this is put in writing.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder seconded by Commissioner Friend the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9610-184

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the suspension of the "two-waiver" rule for the Internal Waiting List for the San Francisco Small Craft Harbor.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

7. GOLDEN GATE PARK
RICHMOND/SUNSET TREATMENT PLANT
SOCCER FIELD
Approval of land use for construction of soccer field within a portion of the area now made available by the demolition of the Richmond-Sunset Treatment Plant in Golden Gate Park.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner requested approval of land use for construction of soccer field within a portion of the area now made available by the demolition of the Richmond Sunset Treatment Plant and the return of the area to parkland was included as part of the Oceanside Treatment Plant construction. The whole concept was that area would be restored for recreational purposes.

7. GOLDEN GATE PARK (Continued)
RICHMOND/SUNSET TREATMENT PLANT
SOCCER FIELD

Because of the need for soccer and to address recreation programs for the city's youth, it has become desirable to install the additional soccer field in a very timely manner, the installation of a soccer field will involve additional work, grading, installation of an irrigation system, planting of turf and all the construction activities involved in that.

An existing hedgerow, a row of small shrubs, which has separated the treatment plant from the adjacent existing soccer field will be removed. This will allow flexibility in striping the field and reduce wear on the field. The soccer field improvement will occupy approximately one-half of the existing portion of the site. The remaining eastern portion of the site would still be available in the near term for some of the

The Department of City Planning has approved an exemption from environmental review for the land use determination to enable construction of a soccer field in this area. Funds from the Oceanside Construction Project in the amount of $500,000 are available for the overall restoration of the site. This project will not cost the department any money. A portion of the mitigation funds can be made available for the design and installation of the new soccer field.

This item was brought before Parks and Planning. Mr. Kalman was concerned about what the process was, I sent a letter explaining the process and a copy of the letter from the Department of City Planning. The specific design will be back to the Commission, there will be further opportunity for public comment.

Emeric Kalman states that he requested a copy of an asbestos survey dated, October 7, 1994. He feels the contractor started the demolition process without the asbestos being cleared from the area.. He asked if we have a toxic clearance for that land. I urge you to stop everything until we meet with the compliance's.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner explains the award of contract was brought forward to this Commission. The release of funds for the contract went to the Board of Supervisors, there were many situations where this was reviewed. A major component of the contract was the removal of any toxic materials that were on the site, which was done in compliance with all legal requirements.. Part of the contractor's team were people who had been certified in removal of any kind of asbestos or toxic materials. Furthermore there have been tests of the ground water in Golden Gate Park there have been numerous monitoring wells, and tests have been taken. To my knowledge I have not heard of any ground water contamination. The ground water in Golden Gate Park is of very high quality, has been used in the park for irrigation for many years, and will continue to be used for that purpose.

Commissioner Brattesani inquires has the clarification of the asbestos survey of October 7, 1994 been met, as far as you are concerned.

7. GOLDEN GATE PARK (Continued)
RICHMOND/SUNSET TREATMENT PLANT
SOCCER FIELD

Ms. Learner, confirmed that any issues related to hazardous materials were incorporated into the contract document and complied with.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani and seconded by Commissioner Friend the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9610-185

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the land use for construction of soccer field within a portion of the area now made available by the demolition of the Richmond-Sunset Treatment Plant.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

8. GOLF COURSE
RENT CREDIT
Approval of $300,000 rent credit for purchase of equipment.

THE ABOVE ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE CALENDAR

ITEM #9 WAS HEARD AS THE FIRST ITEM ON THE GENERAL CALENDAR

9. MID-EMBARCADERO OPEN SPACE
(JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA, EMBARCADERO PARK, FERRY PLAZA)
PROPOSED REPLACEMENT ROADWAY PROJECT
OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS/OPEN SPACE CONCEPTUAL PLAN
Proposed replacement roadway project, Open Space improvements, and underground parking garage of Mid-Embarcadero Open Space (Justin Herman Plaza, Embarcadero Park and Ferry Plaza). Approval of roadway and open space conceptual plan and minor sidewalk encroachment onto park property.

A MODEL OF THE MID-EMBARCADERO PROJECT WAS ON DISPLAY IN THE GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

Commissioner Rovetti stated that a recess will take place for those Commissioners and members of the general public to view the model of the Mid-Embarcadero Project which is on display in the General Manager's Office.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner stated there are two resolutions before us regarding the Mid Embarcadero Open Space:

The two issues before us (1) a new alignment of the roadway along the Embarcadero. the roadway alignment is basically outside of park jurisdiction except for one piece which is the sidewalk of the roadway. As a sidewalk it will become part of the park and in that sense it does serve a park purpose providing access to the park. The resolution seeks Commission approval for the slight encroachment of the roadway alignment in the form of a walkway into the park.

9. MID-EMBARCADERO OPEN SPACE (Continued)
(JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA, EMBARCADERO PARK, FERRY PLAZA)
PROPOSED REPLACEMENT ROADWAY PROJECT
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(2) deals with an urban design plan for blocks 202 and 203. Recreation and Park jurisdiction only occupies the northern portion, the southern portion was a property where the Cal Trans Freeway ramp came down, that now belongs to the City but is not park property. The Department jurisdiction is the southern portion and in the urban design plan it will remain as open space.

We recommend your approval of the resolution to approve the concept of the urban design plan. .There is not funding currently, so it may take some time before the project is developed.. What we are looking at is a very conceptual design that has been a product of much discussion and public debate.

The roadway alignment is the preferred alternative that has been approved by the Board of Supervisors, staff is seeking the Commission's concurrence with the action that has been taken by the Board of Supervisors.

Rebecca Kohlstrand, Project Manager for Waterfront Transportation Department, states she would like to provide an update of the approval process. The alternative was selected by the Board of Supervisors in January of this year and was called the Split Roadway Alternative. As indicated the edge of that alternative encroaches slightly into Justin Herman Plaza in the area under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department is approximately 4,000 square feet into an area that will be used for sidewalk, landscaping purposes.

When the Board of Supervisors endorsed this alternative on a preliminary basis it was then incorporated into the final Environmental Impact Report and published in August of this year. It was certified by the Planning Commission on September 19th and since then has also received a finding of consistency with the City's general plan and has been endorsed by the Parking and Traffic Commission, Public Transportation Commission and by the Port Commission most recently. Recreation and Park Commission review is the last needed before the preferred alternative goes to the Board of Supervisors for their final approval.

Specifically, what we are asking this Commission to do is (1) endorse the project, (2) endorse the use of that area under your jurisdiction for the sidewalk and landscaping that we are recommending as part of our urban design concept.

We are hoping to conclude approval by the end of this year, which will allow final design to be completed by July 1997 and allow construction to begin in the beginning of 1998. We anticipate at this point that it is a two year duration project, we are hoping to bring it to conclusion by the end of 1999.

Commissioner Flunder asks in terms of the other processes that you have covered, still have to go through, do your foresee any major roadblocks.

Ms. Kohlstrand responds that a couple issues have surfaced, this has been a controversial project and there has been a lot of debate on it.

9. MID-EMBARCADERO OPEN SPACE (Continued)
(JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA, EMBARCADERO PARK, FERRY PLAZA)
PROPOSED REPLACEMENT ROADWAY PROJECT
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Ernestine Weiss, everybody in the city is livid about a garage under the park with 360 spaces, it is prohibitive, expensive and it is $87,000 for one parking space where it normally take $25,000 to $40,000. It is in the wrong location on a small cul de sack opposite the Embarcadero Four's Garage were the two will come out on a little narrow cul de sack on to Drumm Street. This is impossible congestion which we do not need, we should be encouraging public transit first.

Commissioner Flunder inquires for clarity what is the relationship between the parking garage and the park.

Ms. Learner responds currently this whole block is landscaped as a park, the Department only has jurisdiction on the northern portion. The garage would be on the southern portion, our property would abut the garage as proposed but it would not be under park property. This whole scheme is not funded at this time and furthermore and as I understand from speaking to Rebecca, that when some of these issues came up at the Board of Supervisors, the issue of the garage was tied to future developments at the Ferry Building. In our resolution and dealing with the urban design we have noted that if the garage does go forward that there will be cooperation in terms of the design, so that it would not adversely impact park use, whether it is under our jurisdiction or not, as a garage has vents and so forth. This design is a very conceptual design that needs funding, further development. The resolution assures that Recreation and Park staff will be there to see that park properties are not adversely impacted.

Commissioner Brattesani inquired about safety issues.

Ms. Learner responded that one of the issues in terms of this alignment being preferred by the board and particularly by Supervisor Bierman, she felt that pedestrians would have an easier time crossing the roadway because of the open space in the middle. In that regard, there will be more of a breathing space rather than if you had the paired roadway, people would have to cross the entire roadway at one light or wait in a fairly narrow median in the middle

Boris Dramof did a slide presentation explaining the roadway and urban design plan.

Mario Ciampi, Architect showed his concept for the roadway and plaza in front of the Ferry Building.

Lee Maxon, Attorney representing the owners of One Maritime Plaza. For many months we have been working in conjunction with the owners of the Golden Gateway Center, Embarcadero Center, One Market Plaza and the hotels located in this area. In total those ownership's encompass twenty square blocks immediately around the area.

When we first met we talked about and agreed upon several concepts that were critical to the ownership's of the these properties, and the design of the area.

9. MID-EMBARCADERO OPEN SPACE (Continued)
(JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA, EMBARCADERO PARK, FERRY PLAZA)
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In respect to the roadway the ownership felt the paired, curved roadway instead of the split roadway was a better alternative, but the Board of Supervisors has endorsed the split roadway. The owners feel that rather than stop the project or delay it further, that this is an acceptable alternative. You will hear proposals to enlarge this plaza between the roadways even further encroaching on Justin Herman Plaza and the owners of all these properties, most particularly Embarcadero Center feel that would be a significant mistake. Justin Herman Plaza is a vital area of the City there are hundreds of events per year there, they are well programmed, it is in very high use there. The plans to increase the plaza's size in the middle of the roadway would significantly impair the use of Justin Herman Plaza in the future.

The last significant item that the owners all felt should be addressed was the use of blocks 202, 203. There consensus was if any involvement occurs on those two blocks that it should be high quality, low density and no more than forty feet high.. This plan calls for essentially open space and park use of those two blocks, again it is completely consistent with the appropriate use of the area. The Alcoa Building, Embarcadero Center, and One Market Plaza support the plan.

Vernon DeMars, representing DeMars and Maletic Architectural firm presented their alternate proposal.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon states that she wants to be very clear about what we are voting on here today.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner responds that there are two resolutions (1) deals specifically with the roadway concept, clearly this has been a process where many points of view have been expressed, not every point of view will have its wishes met in total. A piece of our plaza will function as landscape and sidewalk as part of the roadway alignment. In viewing all the many options that has come before staff and the community, we would be very much opposed and could not recommend further encouragement any roadway lanes into the Justin Herman Plaza.

Commissioner Brattesani inquires about Mr. Maletic and Mr. DeMars view and ` presentation on the roadway alignment.

Rebecca Kohlstrand, Waterfront Transportation responds that Mr. Maletic and Mr. DeMars have been to every hearing that we have had on this and that their views have been considered.

Ms. Learner states that the second resolution deals with the concept of the urban design plan. The funding has not been made available at this time, as funding becomes available it will be modified and those modifications will lead to further developments and it will be brought back to the Commission.

9. MID-EMBARCADERO OPEN SPACE (Continued)
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Commissioner Flunder states that this is directly connected to the park and anything that goes into the park. Our concern is maintaining that public space for public use. The intent is that the garage will not intrude on the use of the park.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder and seconded by Commissioner Friend, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9610-186

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the roadway alignment concept for the Mid Embarcadero Project (Justin Herman Plaza, Embarcadero Park, Ferry Plaza).

SAN FRANCISCO
RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO.9610-186

ADOPTING FINDINGS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, APPROVING THE DPT VARIANT (PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE), AND APPROVING USE OF A PORTION OF JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MID-EMBARCADERO ROADWAY PROJECT

WHEREAS, a Final Environmental Impact Report for the Alternatives to Replacement of the Embarcadero Freeway and the Terminal Separator Structure, Case Nos. 92.202E and 94.060E (hereinafter "Final EIS/EIR") was certified as complete by the San Francisco Planning Commission on September 19, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission on September 19, 1996 adopted Resolution No. 14195 finding the DPT Variant (hereinafter referred to as the Preferred Alternative) for the Mid-Embarcadero and the Terminal Separator Structure Project in conformity with the General Plan and consistent with the Eight Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for adoption, amendments to the General Plan relating to the Mid-Embarcadero Replacement Project and Terminal Separator Structure Replacement

Project as adopted in Planning Commission Resolution No. 14194; and

9. MID-EMBARCADERO OPEN SPACE (Continued)
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WHEREAS, the Port Commission adopted Resolution No. 96-102 "Adopting Findings under the California Environmental Quality Act related to a Portion of the Preferred Alternative as set forth in the Final EIS/EIR Entitled Alternatives to Replacement of The Embarcadero Freeway and the Terminal Separator Structure, dated August 25, 1996" and Resolution No. 96-103 "Approving the Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT) Variant with a Split Roadway Design for the Mid-Embarcadero Roadway and Provision of Replacement Parking, and Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate an Agreement Regarding the Review and Final Approval Process for the Project" on October 8, 1996; and

WHEREAS, said Final EIS/EIR described and analyzed a No Build Alternative and six Build Alternatives, and also discussed and analyzed the impacts of the use of Justin Herman Plaza for each of these alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Park Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIS/EIR; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Park Commission hereby adopts the Port Commission findings regarding the Preferred Alternative analyzed in the Final EIS/EIR as enumerated in Resolution No. 96-102 adopted on October 8, 1996 and incorporated herein by reference as Attachment A; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Park Commission hereby finds that the two Land Use and two Visual Quality and Urban Design Mitigation Measures, as enumerated in Attachment A (Port Commission Resolution No. 96-102), are feasible and will avoid or substantially reduce the magnitude of the significant environmental effects identified in the Final EIS/EIR, and hereby adopt them as part of the project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Park Commission adopts the two Land Use and two Visual Quality an Urban Design Mitigation Measures, as set forth in Attachment A (Port Commission Resolution No. 96-102) to this Resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Park Commission rejects the following mitigation measure for the reasons stated on pages 428A and 428B of the Final EIS/EIR, regarding the potential costs and benefits of such measure. Those pages of the Final EIS/EIR are incorporated herein by reference.

9. MID-EMBARCADERO OPEN SPACE (Continued)
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E. Noise

2. To reduce the potential future roadway noise at Assessor's Block 202, an earthen berm or a soundwall of approximately 1.5-1.8 meters (5-6 feet) would be constructed along Washington Street (from Drumm to The Embarcadero) and along The Embarcadero, from Washington to the Boundary of Block 202 and Justin Herman Plaza. The berm or was would achieve about 5 dBA of sound reduction and would be constructed at 1.5-1.8 meters (5-6 feet) in order to balance the desire for noise reduction with other project purposes, such as enhancing visual and pedestrian access to and from public parks and the waterfront. The cost of construction such a berm or wall is estimated to be approximately $70,000. *(Modified from DEIR to reflect expanded data and discussion)*); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Park Commission finds that for the reasons set forth below, the economic, social, and other considerations of the preferred alternative outweigh the potential significant adverse impacts identified in the above findings:

1. The Project would provide for a net gain of approximately one acre of public open space in the project area, creating a central plaza area in front of the Ferry Building, and facilitating the creation of Rincon Point Park, by rerouting the roadway inland and allowing for the creation of a park at the water's edge;

2. The Project would improve open space opportunities to residents, workers and tourists by widening The Embarcadero Pedestrian Promenade and implementing the Bay Trail;

3. The Project would make a number of improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists by widening The Embarcadero Pedestrian Promenade and including bicycle lanes in the north and southbound curb lanes;

4. The Project would fulfill the City's urban design objectives of creating a setting that lends importance to the Ferry Building, a federal and city landmark, and establishing a terminus for Market Street;

5. The Project would reconnect the City with the waterfront by introducing numerous signalized intersection and midblock crosswalks;

9. MID-EMBARCADERO OPEN SPACE (Continued)
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1. The Project would improve future levels of service at certain downtown intersections in terms of traffic congestion; and

2. The Project would improve future freeway off-ramp capacity to the downtown; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Park Commission, after balancing the significant adverse effects of the Project on the environment, and the benefits of the Project, concludes that the benefits of the Project override the significant adverse effects; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Park Commission hereby adopts the Preferred Alternative as the Replacement Project for The Embarcadero Freeway and the Terminal Separator Structure; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission hereby approves the conversion of a portion of Justin Herman Plaza to sidewalk/landscape area as described in the Preferred Alternative because:

1. The Preferred Alternative will provide improved vehicular, transit, bicycle and pedestrian access to the San Francisco Waterfront, parks, open spaces, and other recreational facilities in the area;

2. The proposed replacement roadway creates over 79,000 square feet of additional open space in the form of a promenade adjacent to the Ferry Building, a large, central plaza, and additional park land adjacent to Justin Herman Plaza;

3. The proposed sidewalk encroachment onto park property is minimal, occupying approximately 1,640 square feet of area. In addition, the proposed sidewalk would serve a recreational purpose in that it would become part of the park's system of pedestrian pathways, enhancing visual and pedestrian access to the park by providing an improved connection between the existing park and The Embarcadero corridor and the new central plaza. Landscaping improvements along the roadway edge, combined with the proposed sidewalk, will provide further park amenities and enhance access to the park;

4. Landscaping improvements along the roadway edge will transform areas of the former roadway into open space, as well as provide a smooth transition between the new roadway and the adjacent parks and open spaces; and be it

9. MID-EMBARCADERO OPEN SPACE (Continued)
(JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA, EMBARCADERO PARK, FERRY PLAZA)
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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Waterfront Transportation Projects Office will continue to work with the Recreation and Park Department throughout the design process, as the plans for the replacement roadway are further refined, and during the construction process to insure that the implementation of the project is consistent with the above points, particularly with respect to the proposed landscaping and sidewalk improvements adjacent to and on park property.

On motion of Commission Brattesani seconded by Commissioner Flunder the following resolution was adopted.

RES. NO. 9610-191

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the concept of the urban design plan for the Mid Embarcadero Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 9610-191

Mid-Embarcadero Open Space (Justin Herman Plaza, Embarcadero Park and Ferry Plaza): Approval of proposed open space conceptual plan, including an underground parking garage.

WHEREAS, The proposal will beautify, enliven and revitalize existing parks and open spaces by creating a well-defined space that acknowledges the importance of the Ferry Building, the terminus of Market Street and reconnects the City to the Waterfront; and

WHEREAS, The proposal creates new recreational opportunities for park users, including a balance of active and passive uses, without displacing existing recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, The proposal provides for a large civic gathering space, as well as more opportunities for programmed events; and

WHEREAS, The proposal for the Port's underground garage includes measures to minimize or mitigate the visual impacts associated with garage structures such as verns, elevators, stairs and driveways that would be located on open space adjacent to park property. As the plans for the proposed underground garage are developed, the Port will continue to work with the Recreation and Park Department to insure that the

garage will be constructed in a manner that addresses the visual impacts described above; and

9. MID-EMBARCADERO OPEN SPACE (Continued)
(JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA, EMBARCADERO PARK, FERRY PLAZA)
PROPOSED REPLACEMENT ROADWAY PROJECT
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WHEREAS, The proposal provides for a replacement maintenance yard of equal or greater size to the existing facility (currently located on Block 203 adjacent to Washington Street) for use by the Recreation and Park Department; and

WHEREAS, The proposal includes the development of funding mechanisms to finance the capital improvements necessary to implement the open space conceptual plan and future maintenance of these parks and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, The proposal will preserve and enhance views of the San Francisco Bay and other significant vistas, such as Coit Tower, from public parks and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, Various open space improvement alternatives have been considered by City agencies and departments, community groups and other interested persons, relevant City commissions, and the Board of Supervisors and numerous community meetings and public hearings have been held over the course of several years, culminating in the development of the current proposal; and

WHEREAS, As the proposal is further developed, Recreation and Park Department staff will continue to be involved in the design process to insure that the proposed open space will be constructed with durable materials, features requiring minimal maintenance, and in a manner consistent with the points outlined above; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Real Estate, the Port Commission and the Recreation and Park Commission will develop and approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) specifying an agreement related to maintenance, programming and other responsibilities and issues associated with the proposed parks and open spaces included in the Mid-Embarcadero Open Space Conceptual Plan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission approves the proposed Mid-Embarcadero Open Space Conceptual Plan, including an underground parking garage.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

10. GOLF GREEN FEES
GOLF COURSES
Approval of establishing a new Golf Green Fee Schedule for senior non-resident and junior non-resident as follows:

		PROPOSED	
		WEEKDAY	WEEKEND/HOLIDAYS
Harding	Sr.	$15.00	$20.00
Current Fees			
Weekdays $26			
Weekends $31			
	Jr.	$13.00	$20.00
Lincoln	Sr	$14.00	$19.00
Current Fees			
Weekdays $23			
Weekends $27			
	Jr.	$12.00	$19.00
Sharp Park	Sr.	$14.00	$19.00
Current Fees			
Weekdays $23			
Weekends $27			
	Jr.	$12.00	$19.00

Commissioner Rovetti states that we have some concern in the decline of playing at public golf courses. I met with the Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson, Mr. Prindle we decided we would do a study of all the courses that are reflected here, then come with a recommendation that it would increase the play on our golf courses.

Golf Director, Bob Killian explains this is a proposal to reduce the rates for non-resident juniors and seniors, we have experienced a drop in the non-resident golf rounds, while our resident fees are quite reasonable, our non-resident rates are near the top. This reduction will have very little affect on the juniors, it will be reasonable for them to play as well as encourage them to play. This reduction will attract numerous non-resident seniors who will play at the San Francisco courses. When a San Francisco resident plays at Lincoln or Sharp Park and brings along a friend from another area, the San Francisco resident would pay $9.00 and the non-resident would pay $23.00, a lot of non residents won't pay that kind of rate.

This proposal would create a rate $5.00 more than San Francisco senior resident making it $14.00. I think it will attract a lot of senior golfers. The concessionaires approve this decrease, would like to see the new rate advertised in the newspapers. We feel there will be a general increase in revenue.

Commissioner Brattesani inquires other than the newspapers, what other methods will be used to publicize the decrease, encourage non-residents play on our courses, there is very rarely a decrease in fees.

Mr. Killian responds to Commissioner Brattesani's question. As well as being advertised in newspapers, it will also be advertised in golf publications, and posted at the courses.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon inquires if the play has dropped that much, what was the affect, was it revenue that you were concerned about, it is public relations impact.

10. GOLF GREEN FEES (Continued)
GOLF COURSES

Mr. Killian states there is a drop in rounds played and there is a drop in revenue. It is considerable but difficult because the last two years we have had very wet winters. Even with ideal conditions you would have seen a drop in revenue, partly course conditions are not what they should be, competition.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon states I can't believe there is such a drop off in play that we need to provide an incentive to bring in non-residents.

Assistant General Manager, Ernie Prindle states that he has looked at some of the statistics on a month to month basis for over the last three years, except the storm months, we still saw about a 50% drop from three years ago by month to now.

Mr. Killian states that Harding stays pretty full. In the afternoons at Lincoln and Sharp Park there are times when it is dead. We are better off having people play at $14.00 than not play at all. I think with the senior rate would pick up a lot more play, we may have to revisit this in the springtime and review what is going on. We may have to allow our concessionaires to put together the kind of packages that everybody else in the bay area offers. This is just the first step.

Commissioner McArdle Solomon stated that fees should be implemented for those periods when the courses are less played. When we put the money and time into fixing the courses perhaps this will encourage more people.

Commissioner Friend stated that some of the courses are very empty in afternoons, he also agrees with Commissioner McArdle Solomon that perhaps the fees should be implemented in the afternoons when the courses are less played.

Assistant General Manager, Ernie Prindle stated that when we discussed this item internally it was the recommendation to implement the fee schedule at specific times. After Mr. Killian spoke with the golf pros he felt it was not necessary for these rates, but it was part of staff discussion.

Commissioner Brattesani inquires have we had any interaction with the players or asked them a simple question "what brought you out today".

Mr. Killian responds to Commissioner Brattesani's question, we have not done that. I can say this is a response to a number of seniors and residents saying "my brother-in-law would play with me if the rates were not so high". In speaking with the pro shop they best way to do this was across the board. If you look at packages, most of the packages are afternoon rates.

Commissioner Friend suggests we implement the fee decrease on a trial basis, with a review in six months.

Assistant General Manager, Ernie Prindle states that with the new charter that took effect on July 1 of this year, the Commission no longer has the sole discretion in the

adjustment of these rates. The Board of Supervisors must review them so everything we do now will take a little longer to implement..

10. GOLF GREEN FEES (Continued)
GOLF COURSES

Commissioner Flunder states that we could vote on this with the understanding that this is on six month trial basis and at that time review it again. What is our plan to publicize and promote the golf courses.

Assistant General Manager, Ernie Prindle explains that the department does not have an advertising budget, he also indicates that there will be the return of the public relations division, we are also working on a web site.

Golf Director, Bob Killian indicates that there is a package at Sharp Park. Many of the other areas have a resident rate, senior rate ours, only applies to those with a resident card.

Commissioner Rovetti states about three years ago he recommended that a certain percentage of revenue should be slated for equipment and advertising at that time it was voted down. We create 5 million dollars a year from the golf courses, use 1% or 2% for advertising, promotion.

Assistant General Manager, Ernie Prindle is in agreement with Commissioner Rovetti's suggestion. When we put together next years budget we will look at the golf courses and see how much money is coming out of the courses.. Almost 2 million dollars in golf course revenue goes to support the rest of the department.

Assistant General Manager, Ernie Prindle states that all of our expenditures go through the Board of Supervisors so it would be subject to approval by the Mayor, Board of Supervisors. Certainly that could be one of our budget recommendations.

Commissioner McArdle Solomon states that what we need to do is be smarter in a way it is structured, we have always received the response that if you want that money back in your golf courses then something else has to be cut. The golf courses are in bad shape, so we should be a little creative.

Assistant General Manager, Ernie Prindle states that as Commissioner Friend suggested we should do something in the afternoons only as a trial basis.

Commissioner Brattesani states we should use these numbers in the afternoon, track them for six months and then see if it works or doesn't work, then try the next number which would be straight across the board and see if it makes a difference

Assistant General Manager, Ernie Prindle explains in terms of coming forward with this we didn't feel it would be an issue in terms of people using it, certainly from a tracking standpoint, trying to promote it, looking at the broader picture may make more sense.

10. GOLF GREEN FEES (Continued)

GOLF COURSES

Assistant General Manager, Ernie Prindle explains we are going through a transition period with the golf courses. Trying to get the necessary staff, equipment and improve the courses, this is going to take some time. Joel Robinson, Bob Killian, Ron De Leon, Rich Rovetti, Mayor's Office, and myself went to the golf courses. At Sharp Park having the owner on site made a tremendous difference, we were there at 11 a.m. and there were people all over the place. Harding and Lincoln had people there, but without the owner's presence it was not the same.

Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson states we did look at the overall rounds of all the golf courses, everything is really down at this point. What we are trying to do is rebuild the interest in San Francisco's Golf Courses, we have to do that first and along with that we are trying to improve the quality of the courses. We need to get the golfers back on the courses, however possible as well as improve the quality of the courses at the same time. As mentioned, going back four or five years, the competition that we have now we didn't have then, we have to be competitive, right now our product is not where it should be. Even though there are still a lot of people playing at Harding, it is not in good shape, there is still lot of people not playing at Harding and those are the people we are trying to reach. We want to get those people back and improve the quality, we will be able to hold on to those people. If the quality is there, then the pricing structure will be more relevant.

But as it is now, particularly for a non-resident where a significant amount of play comes from. It is not worth a non-residents time to pay premium price to play on less than a premium course. That is what we are trying to rectify.

Commissioner Friend inquires how do we compare with Crystal Springs are they higher.

Golf Director, Bob Killian responds they are considerably higher, but their afternoon rates are competitive with ours.

Assistant General Manager, Ernie Prindle inquires does the Commission want to do something just in the afternoons or across the board at this point in time.

Commissioner Friend, I will go with staff recommendation. In six months after watching this on a very close basis. Weather reports, playing condition on courses. equipment, advertising, come back to us with a report, let us know what is going on.

Commissioner Flunder structure it in such a way that it won't have a negative impact if we have to change it.

Assistant General Manager, Ernie Prindle last month we stated that by May of 1997 if we felt that progress was not made, we would be contracting out the golf courses.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder seconded by Commissioner McArdle-Solomon the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9610-187

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves establishing a new Golf Green Fee Schedule for seniors non-resident and junior non-resident on a 6 month trial basis and report back to the Commission on the findings.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

11. 3COM PARK
SAN FRANCISCO FORTY-NINERS
RENT CREDIT
Approval of a rent credit in the amount of $51,801.97 in exchange for an upgrade of the Sony JumboTRON at 3COM PARK.

Property Manager, Tom Hart explains that the Sony JumboTRON at 3COM Park has been in need of repairs, parts and equipment for about four years. For the last couple of months we have been renting equipment for $2,000+ per month, the Forty-Niners being aware of this situation and certainly wishing that nothing happens to the JumboTRON during the football season. The Forty-Niners have offered to pay for new equipment and upgrade the quality to a certain degree, in exchange for this they are asking for us to grant them a rent credit in amount of $51,801.97. The proposed equipment and repairs have been documented and reviewed by the Rich Shapiro, authorized technician who services the JumboTRON, staff has contacted the SONY Corporation directly to verify Mr. Shapiro has the authority to evaluate and proceed with any compatible alterations. This will in no way invalidate any portion of the agreement that we have with Sony Corporation. Staff recommends approval of this request.

On motion of Commissioner Friend seconded by Commissioner McArdle Solomon the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9610-188

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a rent credit in the amount of $51,801.97 in exchange for an upgrade of the Sony JumboTRON at 3COM Park.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

12. MASTER FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONCESSION (MFBVC)
CONCEPTUAL PROPOSAL
Approval of conceptual plan for Master Food and Beverage Vendor Concession (MFBVC) Request for Proposals (RFPs).

Assistant General Manager, Ernie Prindle explains this is a conceptual approval only at this time for a Master Food Concessionaire in Golden Gate Park The current operator Pon & Hom's agreement has expired and they are on a month to month agreement. In the past we have had push carts throughout Golden Gate Park and we are asking for is approval is to proceed with a lease that would combine these two elements together into one.
Obviously certain areas of Golden Gate Park will be excluded with respect to other existing other food concessionaires, part of this would also include neighborhood parks. In the next couple of months we will present to you the actual package. At the last Finance Committee there was a discussion about the Sharon Arts Studio,

that is not included in this package, I wanted to clarify that. At some point the department, assuming the Sharon Arts Studio is moved in the future as part of the Golden Gate Park Masterplan calls for converting the Sharon Art Studio into a restaurant, this does not include that.

12. MASTER FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONCESSION (MFBVC) (Continued)
CONCEPTUAL PROPOSAL
Approval of conceptual plan for Master Food and Beverage Vendor Concession (MFBVC) Request for Proposals (RFPs).

Commissioner Friend inquires do we have a right to reject any and all bids.

Mr. Prindle responds, we would always have that right. There have been some concerns expressed that minority vendors would not be able to partake in this, we will be working with the Human Rights Commission to make sure this area is covered.

Mila Visser Hooft, Friends of the Sharon Art Studio states that she came prepared to speak regarding the Sharon Arts Studio, but since it has been removed from the calendar she wishes to pass out information on what the Sharon Art Studio is about, to answer any questions the Commission may have.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani seconded by Commissioner McArdle Solomon the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9610-189

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the conceptual plan for Master Food and Beverage Vendor Concession (MFBVC) Request for Proposals (RFP's).

12A. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
DELINQUENT CONCESSION PAYMENTS
Approval of action to be taken concerning verified delinquent concession payments:

1. City Carts
2. Winston Lum Tennis
3. Butler Catering

Property Manager, Tom Hart explains there were three concerns regarding delinquent concession payments that I presented to you at committee level. The items before you are slightly different than that at committee level.

The first item is concerning **City Carts**, this is not substantially different than I presented to you at committee level, since that time and as recently as this afternoon I have had a discussion with a couple of the partners from City Carts. Yesterday, I received a check in the amount of $4,414, after I left messages stating I was taking this to the Commission. This afternoon another partner came in expressing concern

that possibly our records were not coinciding with his. To be absolutely fair under the circumstances, since push carts have been subject to the same storms as the golf courses have the last couple of years, and with dramatic turnover in people handling this account in property management, I would like to continue the action of this until next month.

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DELINQUENT CONCESSION PAYMENTS

This would allow me time to over their books with them to make sure that we are not requesting one penny more than we are entitled to. The check is deposited, they are still deliquent this is not the amount that they owed. Their last payment is due on November 5 because their permit expires October 31, I will hopefully, have that check prior to the finance committee.

The second item is **Winston Lum Tennis**. I have made two attempts to reach him, he has contracted pros that actually work for him. I was out of the office on Friday, Tuesday and in my absence one of the pros arrived and gave us a check for $470.00, which is certainly does make a very large dent in his debt which is $5,513. We were informed that Mr. Lum is in Taiwan on business. He is on a month to month teaching permit. Staff recommendation for this particular item, is to immediately cancel his permit, revoke his security deposit.

Commissioner Rovetti inquires what is the amount of the security deposit.

Mr. Hart responds, it will be almost $4,000.

Commissioner Brattesani inquires what is the legality of taking the money from the pro.

Mr. Hart responds he gave us the money, it was from Mr. Lum's checking account. We do not have a written agreement with his sub contractors. Our recommendation is to collect the money from his security deposit, try collect the balance.

Commissioner McArdle Solomon inquires will we terminate his contract.

Mr. Hart responds, absolutely. We will send a certified letter.

Commissioner Brattesani inquires are we aware of anyone else who wants to take over his contract. Have we been approached by people.

Mr. Hart indicates we have been approached by people, but I believe we would have to have another bidding process. The entire tennis situation needs to be revisited.

The third item is **Butler Catering**, since the last time we met Mr. Butler has made a payment on his utility bills. Staff and management have discussed this and would like to make a recommendation which is different than what we decided on. We are requesting that Mr. Butler be responsible for the interest payments on this debt, we are afraid that this would set precedence with our other concessionaires. I spoke to Mr. Butler this afternoon he regretted he was not able come, he was not aware there would be a change, he said he understood and would abide the Commission's decision. With interest he owes $107,000.

Commissioner Brattesani we were going to help him with the interest as an incentive solution.

Commissioner Rovett inquires what is the time frame on Mr. Butler's contract.

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DELINQUENT CONCESSION PAYMENTS

Mr. Hart responds that Mr. Butler's contract actually extends to December 31, 1999. I must reiterate that the provision for the Giants extending the contract was to pay for and execute substantial capital improvements to the Stadium Club, this was just before the strike. However, we are still going forward on utility charges at 3COM. We are getting an utility auditor, if we are being overcharged by PGE for our rates at 3COM everyone will benefit. At that time the amount owed to us will be recalculated.

On motion of Commissioner Flunder seconded by Commissioner Friend the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9610-190

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves actions to be taken concerning verified delinquent concession payments for City Carts, Winston Lum Tennis and Butler Catering.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

13. PUBLIC COMMENT
At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

JOHN LASKIN states the problem with this department is Willie Brown. He reminded Mr.Friend that thirty years ago he called on him a few times as a real estate broker; he also reminds the Commission that he is major benefactor of this department.

EMERIC KALMAN I would like to ask the Commission to budget a new tape recorder and some better equipment for the Commission meetings because you can barely hear anything that is said. At the last Commission meeting I brought the issues of mitigation relating to Oceanside Treatment Plant one of them was at Lake Merced, I would like to ask if my comment or input was followed up. The second issue which I raised was the $80,000 rent subsidized for the zoo director, I am asking about the legality of subsidizing for an employee who makes $100,000, paying tax money for him to live someplace in Golden Gate Park.

I know that under the Brown Act and Sunshine Ordinance every citizen can bring up issues. Under the Brown Act I can request in writing that I would like an answer within 24 hours on any issues that I might be concerned about.

Commissioner Flunder states that at past meetings she has requested that Mr. Kalman put his requests in writing so that staff can review and report, because most of the questions that you ask are not questions that can be answered quickly. Submit them in writing with copies to staff and the Commission so that we can respond to them.

Commissioner Rovetti states that Ms. Learner responded to your letter, every question that you have asked, you received an answer. If we allowed every person who wants to speak 3 minutes of rebuttal, we would be here a very long time. As Commissioner Flunder said, put your requests in writing, in order of importance and if those are not answered then bring them to the Commission, we will see to it that they are answered.

Emeric Kalman we have an audio recording here, who ever makes a statement is responsible for the statement they make. When I raise serious issues, nothing happens.

Commissioner Rovetti states that Ms. Learner told this Commission that there was proper investigation by city officials, city inspector that the water had been tested and was not contaminated.

Emeric Kalman, I am coming here tomorrow to see the document.

Commissioner McArdle Solomon states you need to have dialogue, are there any other outstanding issues.

Emeric Kalman, states that Ms. Learner said that she sent the document, she did not send it. She didn't send me the letter from the Planning Commission, I didn't know about that letter.

Acting General Manager, Joel Robinson states he will glad to meet with Mr. Kalman and personally address any issues that he has.

14. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
No report was submitted

15. COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS
Commissioner Rovetti states we have closed applications for the Commission Secretary, we have chosen the applicants to be interviewed. Commissioner Flunder indicates she will be out of town, so the interview process will begin when Commissioner Flunder returns to the City. The Committee includes myself, Commissioner Flunder, Health Commission Secretary, Sandy Mori.

Commissioner Flunder thanks staff for the tour of the Zoo, the Golden Gate Park Tour.

Joel Robinson states that he has spoken to Mariam Morley, City Attorney's Office and she has suggested some changes in our agenda, they are very specific in that whatever we discuss at the Commission Meetings actually be calendared as part of the package and be a part of public record. We didn't put anything on or anything in that was not in the packet, this also includes the President's report, and the Commission Matters that would need to be inclusive in the binder and become a part of public record.

Commissioner McArdle Solomon requests a report/information about the alligator, so it must be calendared for next meeting.

15. COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS

Joel Robinson states we can put in under staff reports, but we have to put the actual report into the binder that becomes public record in order for us to discuss it at the meeting.

16. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:

JOINT ZOO COMMITTEE - 10/2/96
RECREATION AND PARKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE 09/24/96
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE 10/03/96

Property Manager, Tom Hart presents an update on Golden Gate Park Stables, this in response to Commissioner McArdle Solomon request for an update on the stables.

In the first paragraph, for those of you that this is new. There is a significant capital improvement package as part of their lease, which would improve the stables because they were in a state of disrepair. It is a fifteen year lease and in exchange for them completing these improvements, which at that time was roughly estimated at $700,000. The department agreed and the Commission approved a lease forgiving any rent obligations for the first two years of the agreement. Years 3-15 they were to pay a minimum annual payment of $24,000 vs. 3% of the gross revenues below $700,000 and 8% of gross revenues above $700,000.

As part of the lease they presented a six-year plan of the specific improvements that we needed done to the stables. I have been working very closely with them until this point. We came before the Commission in July asking a 60 day extension for the first year improvements due to permitting process. This was very frustrating, I helped them walk that through in order to get permits to do the new arena primarily, once that was accomplished they began work immediately on the new dressage arena, which is located at the east end of little Speedway Meadow. It was dedicated on August 3, 1996 and is used daily. They have completed the refurbishment of the Central and Redwood Arenas, they we completed in September and by the end of this month the remainder of the stall upgrades should be complete. When we appeared before you a month ago we exchanged the hay barns for the stalls because we not completed the construction and renovation.

I checked with them today, they currently have 31 boarders at the stables and according to their data file they have served 4,500 individuals either through a riding program, trail rides. Most importantly they have not received one report about the stables or the management which is a dramatic turnaround. I personally have been working with them, they have been extremely professional with attention to all details.

17. ADJOURNMENT

IN MEMORY OF ADRIAN BENNETT, FATHER-IN-LAW OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS, RON DELEON, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.

IN MEMORY OF EMMETT O'DONNELL FORMER SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS,. WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.

There being no further business, the 720th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Griffin
Acting Commission Secretary

Willie L. Brown , Jr., Mayor

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

721ST REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1996 - 2:00 P.M.

The Seven Hundred and Twenty-First Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, November 21, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. by Vice President John Moylan.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT	ABSENT
Steven Brattesani	Vincent Rovetti
Eugene Friend	Yvette Flunder
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon	
John Moylan	
Angelo Quaranta	

2. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**
Acting General Manager, Joel B. Robinson, presented the following report:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION Each month an outstanding employee is nominated for the ongoing Employee Recognition Program. This month, we are proud to recognize the entire maintenance crew of the Hunter's Point Complex for excellence of service: Gardener Assistant Supervisor Steve Lee; Gardeners Melvin Coleman, Juster Collins, Norita Collins, Steven Elder, Byron Gill; Norman Vickroy; Custodians Allan Holmes, Jacklyn Robinson, Henry Torres. Sean Sweeney, Area Supervisor, will make the presentation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STRYBING ARBORETUM SOCIETY After a nationwide search, the Board of Trustees of the Strybing Arboretum Society have hired a new Executive Director. Charlotte Cagan comes to us from Berkshire Botanical Garden, Stockbridge, Massachusetts, where she has been President (Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer) since 1992. She has also worked for the City of Syracuse, New York, as both Director of the Office of Community Services and Executive Director of the Syracuse Commission for Women.

STAFF TRANSITIONSI have been asked to update the Commission on the staff transitions that have occurred over the past three months. As you may know, Phil Arnold is now employed at the Public Utilities Commission, where he is serving as an assistant to the General Manager, Andy Moran. Although I have not spoken directly with Mr. Arnold, I do understand that he is now settled and enjoying his new assignment. Marsha Ramirez, former Personnel Director, is now an assistant to Department of Human Resources Director Andrea Gourdine. Interviews for the Personnel Director position are scheduled for November 26. I hope to officially introduce the new Personnel Director at the Commission's December meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

ZOO NEWS Senior Day at the Zoo was held on numerous perks for seniors, including special tours and discounts at the gift November 7. The event featured shop. The Zebra train was turned into the senior shuttle and made six stops on its route around the Zoo as an intra-zoo transportation vehicle. Over 500 seniors were in attendance in addition to other visitors, including some who came from as far away as Yuba City. A repeat of this event is being planned to continue efforts to serve this segment of the community better.

The Mountain Lake alligator will be leaving for Louisiana on December 4. He will be released on land that is part of the Freeport-McMoran Audubon Species Survival Center in a restored wetlands area.

The white alligator will be returned to Audubon Zoo on December 2, allowing the display of broad snouted caiman and other Amazonian species in the Aviary.

New animals at the Zoo include a female fishing cat, a baby Francois langur, a male Masai giraffe, a gerenuk and yellow footed rock wallabies.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, November 26, 1996	Recreation, Parks and Planning Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Thursday, November 28, 1996	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Friday, November 29, 1996	Day After Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Wednesday, December 4, 1996	Joint Zoo Committee; 4:30 p.m. (tour), 5:00 p.m. (meeting); Zoo
Thursday, December 5, 1996	Finance and Administration Committee; 3:00 p.m.; McLaren Lodge
Friday, December 13, 1996	Tree Lighting; 5:30 p.m.; McLaren Lodge

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES RES. NO 9611-192

Resolved, That this Commission approves the following minutes

- Regular Meeting of October 17, 1996

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

B. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY RES. NO 9611-193
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS
Resolved, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution NO. 13572.

Purchased From
Gordon Blankstein — One female fishing cat
999 West Hastings St, Ste 1030 — Purchase $1,500
Vancouver, BC V6C 2W2

Sale To
St. Catherines Wildlife Conservation Center — One male West African Crowned Crane
Route 1, BOX 207-Z — Sale $2,000
Midway, GA 31320 — USDA 21-C-020

D. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY RES. NO. 9611-194
JOINT USE SITE APPROVAL
Resolved, That this Commission approves to include Joint Use Site in "Premises" of the San Francisco Zoological Society Agreement.

E. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS RES. NO. 9611-195
Resolved, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $80,400 for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From the Friends of Recreation and Parks, one (1) asphalt shaver, valued at $8,500. Will remedy hazardous conditions when slabs are uneven due to tree root upheaval, soil shift, ground sinkage, etc. The asphalt shaver smoothes walkways. (Cement Shop, Structural Maintenance).

b. From the Friends of Recreation and Parks , two (2) welding machines, valued at $3,500 each. They replace the 15 year old obsolete ones (parts no longer available), on two iron workers trucks and will be used for metal repair of play apparatus, hand rails, A.D.A. work etc. (Iron Shop, Structural Maintenance).

c. From the Bernard Osher Foundation $6,800 for the summer work/study interns.

d. From the Aterwork Tennis Club $1,000 for the junior tennis program.

e. From Nan Neal $500.00 for the teen program.

f. From Bruce Conner $1,000 for pre-school program a Glen Park.

g. From the Bill Graham Foundation $600.00 for the Teen Newspaper Award Program.

h. From Bayview Opera House, Inc. $500.00 for the Joseph Lee Recreation Center.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

i. From the San Francisco Orchid Society $1,000 for the Orchid Fund.

j. From the Magowon Family Foundation, Inc. $1,000 for the Consersvatory of Flowers.

k. From U.S. Croquet Association $2,500 for maintenance of Stern Grove Park.

l. From Friends of Recreation and Parks $50,000 to purchase two turf mowers and one Cushman Turf Truckster for use at the Polo Field in Golden Gate Park.

F. SOUTH OF MARKET RES. NO.-9611-196
WEST BAY PILIPINO MULTI-SERVICE CENTER YMCA
EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT
Resolved, That this Commission approves the ratification of extension of agreement between West Bay Pilipino Multi-Service Center, YMCA, and the Recreation and Park Department for use of recreation space and staff at South of Market Recreation Center.

G. PROTECTING PARKS AND OPEN SPACES RES. NO. 9611-197
CITY'S PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT
Resolved, That this Commission approves the resolution supporting the City's Priority Policy protecting parks and open spaces from development that impacts access to sunlight and vistas.

H. ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION RES. NO. 9611-198
OVERNIGHT WINTER TRIP
Resolved, That this Commission approves of Assisted Recreation Division overnight winter trip for 12 teenagers, who are deaf and hard of hearing, in collaboration with Environmental Traveling Companions (ETC), to Bear Valley, February 15-17, 1997.

I. ASSISTED RECREATION DIVISION RES. NO. 9611-199
OVERNIGHT WINTER TRIP
Resolved, That this Commission approves of Assisted Recreation Division overnight winter trip for 8 teenagers, who are blind and visually impaired, in collaboration with Discovery Blind Sports, to Kirkwood, February 21-23, 1997.

K. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM RES. NO. 9611-200
Resolved, That this Commission approves of payment in the amount of $8,176.75 to Golden Eagle Insurance Co. for water damages incurred at 238 Eddy Street, adjacent to Boeddeker Park.

L. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM RES. NO. 9611-201
Resolved, That this Commission approves of payment in the amount of $42,000 to Anna Forester for falling injury incurred at Tea Garden Drive, Golden Gate Park.

GENERAL CALENDAR

4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/HIRING

The Commission convened in closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957 and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b) to interview and appoint a Commission Secretary.

The Recreation and Park Commission appointed a new Commission Secretary.

OPEN SESSION
The Commission returned to open session and voted on motion pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code section 67.14 on whether to disclose any of the Committee's closed-session discussion.

On recommendation of the full Commission the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9611-202

Resolved, That this Commission appointed Margaret McArthur as the new Commission Secretary.

The Commission unanimously approved the item.

5. SHARP PARK GOLF DRIVING RANGE SITE
LAND USE
Consideration of proposal to establish a shooting range on the site of the approved golf driving range site at Sharp Park.

THE ABOVE ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE CALENDAR

6. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
BOND PROPOSAL
Approval to submit $48 million bond proposal for Animal Exhibits, Education Facility and Zoo Improvements.

David Anderson, Zoo Director states that the first bond report was presented earlier this year. Discussions have been held with various city officials and the Board of Directors about the most appropriate time to submit the bond . We have spent four months reviewing the best way to go forward into the operation of the new Zoo, what we should ask for. Mr. Anderson reviews the changes that have been made, some of the exhibits that were not included in the funding previously need to be included. Those are elephants, lions, black rhinos, the plan has been modified. The will still be the entry way at Flieschacker, this includes the Great Highway, Sloat Boulevard, Herbst Road. The old Flieschacker Pool site which is now used for employee parking will become the new entry way. There will be a new main entrance, Zoo Street will be for public amenities such as gift shops, food and restrooms.

The African Zone which includes giraffes, ostrich, antelopes and zebras. The chimpanzee exhibit includes two large yards, and on an interim basis will house the orangatan exhibit so we can get them out of the triple grotto. There will an elephant exhibit to house both African and Asian Elephants. There will be a new children's center, rebuilding the children's zoo and an education center which will include a picnic and play area.

Commissioner Moylan inquires about parking.

Mr. Anderson states we will use employee parking for public parking. We will be working with the Department of Parking and Traffic, there will be a shuttle bus turn around. We would retain the south entrance for a period of time until we go to the next phase and build in the Asian area this would allow for extended parking in that direction. We would like to get people to use public transportation.

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon inquires if on a long term basis this will be the only public entrance.

Mr. Anderson responds that we would reconfigure it so that the Sloat entrance would be for access of the education building, picnics. Our main entrance would be on the western side for interim period the south gate would .

Commissioner McArdle-Solomon inquires is there a limit as to how much money can be outstanding in bonds for the city and does this threaten other efforts.

Mr. Anderson responds there is a limit on bond indebtedness, the city sets the limit. Because the Zoo is a small amount it would not present a problem.

Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager states that with the Zoo Bond, deYoung Bond that would be it.

Commissioner Moylan inquires how long the project is.

Mr. Anderson states it will take seven years to complete.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani seconded by Commissioner Quaranta the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9611-203

Resolved that this Commission approves the $48 million bond proposal for Animal Exhibits, Education Facility and Zoo Improvements

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

7. ROLPH PLAYGROUND
PLAY AREA RENOVATION
Approval of play area renovation at Rolph Playground.

Marvin Yee, Landscape Architect states that Rolph Playground is located in the Mission District. The existing play structures are wood, in poor condition, have limited play value and do not meet the recreational needs of the community, nor does the play area comply with current safety guidelines. The mature trees in the play area are upheaving the sidewalk which creates a tripping hazard.

7. ROLPH PLAYGROUND (Continued)
PLAY AREA RENOVATION

Through a series of public meetings community approved design was generated. The area was sub divided into two areas. The west subarea will be tiny tot area, the east subarea will be designed for the older children. Both areas will have appropriate structures for the age groups, in the area for the older children will be a tire swing. Other improvements will include new landscaping, a 10 foot high fence along the perimeter with lockable gates and new paving.

Commissioner Friend inquires about a seating area for mothers.

Mr. Yee responds that there is a seating plaza which will allow parents to see both play areas.

Commissioner McArdle Solomon inquires about the split of the two areas. This was discussed at committee level and community liked the idea having an area for each age group.

Mr. Yee states that the estimated cost of this project is $250,000.

On motion of Commissioner Brattesani seconded by Commissioner Quaranta the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9611-204

Resolved, that this Commission approves the play area renovation at Rolph Playground.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

8. GOLDEN GATE PARK
BIKE ROUTE SIGNS INSTALLATION
Approval of installation and maintenance of bike route signs within Golden Gate Park to connect with the City-wide bike route network.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner states that this item involves the maintenance and installation of bike route signs in Golden Gate Park to connect with City-wide bike route plan. This item was heard at the committee level and there was a concern about the number of signs that would be placed throughout the park. Commissioner Friend particularly concerned about this, staff indicated that they would review the number of signs, the number of posts that are used for signs because many posts have more that one sign on a post. The majority of signs will be placed on existing poles or be installed as pavement messages. We have reduced the number of signs and the number of posts.

These signs will further the Park's policy of providing for the safe and convenient use of the bicycle as a means of recreation and transportation to, within, and through Golden Gate Park.

On motion of Commissioner Quaranta seconded by Commissioner McArdle Solomon the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 9611-205

Resolved, that this Commission approves the installation and maintenance of bike route signs within Golden Gate Park to connect with the City-wide bike route network.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

9. CHINESE PLAYGROUND RES. NO. 9611-206

AWARD OF BID

Approval of award of bid to Cuevas & Mannion in the amount of $502,600 for the rehabilitation of the Chinese Playground.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner

ACTION: SOLOMON SECONDED: FRIEND ACTION: APPROVED

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

GENERAL CALENDAR (Continued)

10. MARINA YACHT HARBOR SEAWALL REPAIR RES. NO. 9611-207
AWARD OF BID
Approval of award of bid to San Luis Gonzaga Construction in the amount of $363,285 for the rehabilitation of the Marina Yacht Harbor Seawall.

ACTION: FRIEND SECONDED: SOLOMON ACTION: APPROVED

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

11. GOLDEN GATE PARK RES. NO. 9611-208
PIONEER LOG CABIN ZONE
AWARD OF BID
Approval of award of bid to Interstate/M.H. a Joint Venture, in the amount of $2,433,800 for infrastructure improvements in the Pioneer Log Cabin Zone of Golden Gate Park.

ACTION: QUARANTA SECONDED: SOLOMON ACTION: APPROVED

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

12. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT RES. NO. 9611-209
GOLF AND URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST
Approval of supplemental appropriation request for equipment in golf, urban forestry divisions totaling $600,000.

ACTION: FRIEND SECONDED: QUARANTA ACTION: APPROVED

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

13. GOLDEN GATE PARK RES. NO.9611-210
GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES
INCREASE IN FEES
Approval of an increase in fees for lessons, trail rides and other services at the Golden Gate Park Stables.

SERVICE PROVIDED	Current Rate (November 1993)	Operator Proposed Rate (November 1996)	Recommended Staff Rate (November 1996)
LESSONS (Individual)			
1 hour private	$35	$45	$45
½ hour private	n/a	$30	$30
1 hour semi-private (2)	$25	$30	$30
1 hour semi-private (3)	$22	$28	$27
1 hour group	$20	$24	$24
JUMPING			
1 hour private	$40	$49	$49
1.5 hour group	$37	$45	$45
1 hour group	$25	$30	$30
INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM			
4 weeks (1hour/week)	$72 ($18/hour)	$88($22/hour)	$88($22/hour)
8 weeks (4 x 1 hr/week + 4 x 1.5 hr/week)	$180 ($18/hour)	$220 ($22/hour)	$220 ($22/hour)
8 weeks (1.5 hours/week)	$216 ($18/hour)	$265 ($22/hour)	$265 ($22/hour)
KIDS (8+) SUMMER CAMP (1 Week)			
Half Day (3.5 hours)	$160 ($9/hour)	$184 ($10.50/hour)	$184 ($10.50/hour)
Full Day (7.0 hours)	$300 ($8.50/hour)	$345 ($9.85/hour)	$345 ($9.85/hour)
KIDS (up to 8 - Private and Semi-Private)			
Lead Line: (45 minutes)	$18	$20	$18
(30 minutes)	$12	$15	$12
Pony Ride: (10 minutes)	$4	$5	$4
Tiny Tots: (1 hour)	$12	$15	$12
TRAIL RIDES (1 hour)			
Private	$35	$43	$43
Semi-Private (1-3)	$20	$25	$25
Group (4+)	$18	$22	$22
Beach Ride (4+)	$20	$25	$24
Beach Ride (1.5 hours)	n/a	$35	$35
ADVANCED STUDENT SCHOOL HORSE SPONSOR (LEASE) [Private]			
Once/week per month	$50	$75	$75
Twice/week per month	$100	$150	$150

ACTION: BRATTESANI SECONDED: QUARANTA ACTION: APPROVED
THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ITEM

14. PUBLIC COMMENT
At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Emeric Kalman commented on the article in the paper about pay toilets. He also inquired about what actions were being taken on his comments from the last Commission Meeting.

Andy Solow commented on the soccer field issue.

15. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS
Joint Zoo Committee - 11/06/96
Recreation & Parks, Planning - 10/22/96
Finance & Administration - 11/7/96

16. ADJOURNMENT
4:00 P.M.

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 1996, 10:30 A.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, December 19, 1996 at 10:30 a.m. by President Vincent Rovetti.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Vincent Rovetti
John Moylan
Yvette Flunder
Eugene Friend
Angelo Quaranta

Absent: Steven Brattesani
Elizabeth McArdle-Solomon

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN FOR 1997-98

Presentation and discussion of The Annual Children's Plan for fiscal year 1997-98 from the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families.

Sandy Bonilla, Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families, gave an overview of the plan to the Commission.

As outlined in the City Charter, this Plan must be presented to the Recreation and Park Commission for any comments. The plan as outlined discussed the core principles that guide the planning of programs, and the implementation process of any programs that originate from the Mayor's Office for Children, Youth and Their Families. The five major principles that are needed for good programming are: 1) involve children, youth and their families, 2) link neighborhood services, supports and opportunities, 3) put safety first, 4) honor diversity and 5) be accountable for the results of programs. Following this were themes that emerged from the summit: 1) access to more affordable child care, 2) strengthen families through resources and opportunities, and 3) youth employment.

Commissioner Rovetti inquired where the funding would come from.

Ms. Bonilla responded that the fund for the Children's Service Plan comes from a tax base which was approved through legislation by the voters five years ago. The Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families is given the responsibility to oversee that fund and to develop and implement the program.

Commissioner Rovetti asked what the budget is for this program.

Ms. Bonilla responded that the budget is about $14 million.

Commissioner Rovetti asked which children were being reached and in what age group.

Ms. Bonilla responded that they are trying to reach as many as possible from 0 to age 17.

Margaret Brodkin, Director of Coleman Advocates, stated her concerns and recommended approval of the Children's Service Plan.

Joel Robinson, Acting General Manager, stated the Department will be working closely with the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families and Coleman Advocates to make sure that everything is being done to make the program work.

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McArthur
Commission Secretary

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Recreation and Park Commission

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF MEETING(S)

THE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1996 RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED AT 2:00 P.M. HAS BEEN CANCELED

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION WILL BE THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1997 AT 2:00 P.M.

(McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park - Fell & Stanyan Sts.)

THE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1996 MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULED AT 3:00 P.M.

AND

THE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1996 MEETING OF THE RECREATION, PARKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE SCHEDULED AT 3:00 P.M.

HAVE BEEN CANCELED

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